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The late T. F. Molloy, the Popular Music Teacher and Tenor, Who Died at St. John's Hospital This Morning.

T. F. MOLLOY DEAD

The Popular Tenor Passed Away This Morning.

HAD BEEN ILL FOR FOUR WEEKS

Owen Cahill, the Well Known Blacksmith, Dead.

Prof. Terence F. Molloy, the well known and popular tenor and musician, passed away at 6.45 o'clock this morning in St. John's hospital where he had been confined to bed for the past four weeks. For the past year he had been a victim of liver trouble which steadily grew upon him and on Sunday, Nov. 27th, the day of the blizzard, he caught a cold which gave his ailment a fatal turn and his death had been expected for several days. He suffered most patiently and passed away in the presence of relatives, having previously received the last rites of the Catholic church to which in life he had given his best efforts as a choir master.

No singer in Lowell was more widely or more favorably known than poor "Terry" Molloy, whose sweet voice and amiable manner charmed all, and he will be widely and sincerely mourned.

He was born in Lowell 40 years ago the son of the late George Molloy. When a boy he attended the Edson and High schools and was then noted for his voice. He began the study of music when quite young under the lamented Dr. J. G. Lennon. Later he studied piano and organ under Asa W. Hill of Worcester and his first church engagement was as organist of the old St. Peter's church, which position he held for four years. At the dedication of the Sacred Heart church he officiated as choir director and held that position for four years, also presiding at the organ. Then he went to St. Michael's church where he was director for two years.

In the meantime he studied vocal music under Mrs. C. A. Guillimette of Boston, and later under Profs. Haggerty and Leach of this city. At the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Peter's church, Prof. Molloy returned to that choir as director and held the position up to the time of his last illness, officiating as tenor soloist.

Besides his church work, the deceased appeared many times in concert, ollo and light opera, assuming the leading tenor roles with marked success in Pinafore, Ermine, Pirates, Olivette, Iolanthe, Patience, Billie Taylor, Sorcerer, and others. He was also a member of the American quartet and probably sang in public oftener than any other soloist in the city. But he gave most of his attention to church work and made St. Peter's choir one of the finest in New England. It was his great ambition to direct a choir in the new St. Peter's church, an ambition never to be realized. It was the deceased who gained considerable distinction by introducing to the Catholic requiem services of this city the English hymns, "I Love To Hear My Savior's Voice;" "No Cross, No Crown"; "Passing Through the Shadow;" and "Hark, My Soul,' which are now sung at all requiems. Prof. Molloy was also a teacher of voice and piano, having had many pupils.

Personally a more genial soul never lived. Always kind, generous and gentlemanly, he made friends of all with whom he came in contact and endeared himself to all who knew him. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Mary A. Phelan of Gorham street; Mrs. Thomas H. Bradley of River Point, R. I., and Miss Lizzie Molloy, a teacher in the Cottage street school. The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet, but deceased will probably be interred from St. Peter's church.

OWEN CAHILL DEAD.

Owen Cahill, the well known blacksmith, died about 11 o'clock last night after a lingering illness at his late home, 145 Chelmsford Corner of Parker streets. Although he has been a constant sufferer from a wasting disease for the past three months, his death will come as a shock to the wide circle of friends which he enjoyed in Lowell. He was compelled to take to his bed last Labor Day and has not been able to leave it again up to the time of his death.

The deceased was born in County Cavan, Ireland about 65 years ago at a place known as Cahill's Cross Roads, where he spent his early days. At the age of 10 years he went to the town of Navan where he began the trade of blacksmith in which he afterwards attained such distinction.

He was one of the pioneer Irish settlers in this city, coming to this country when a youth. Thirty five years ago he opened a blacksmith shop on Gorham street, a short distance from Appleton street. He conducted a paying business there for twenty-five years when he was compelled to vacate the premises, as it was intended to have an entrance to the Opera house from Gorham street at that time. He then moved to Liberty Square where he remained five years, then on Middle street, next to the gas office where he remained three years and his present shop on Green street he has occupied about two years. Mr. Cahill was distinctively a family man and was identified with but one organization in the course of his life, the Knights of St. Patrick, of which he was a past commander in the palmy days of the order.

Besides his widow he is survived by six sons and two daughters, Edward W., and Michael J. of the firm of Cahill Brothers; Patrick F., the well known letter carrier; James, who is conducting his father's business; Owen, Jr., and Joseph, two younger sons, Miss Catherine, superior of the Berkley Street Convent in Boston and Miss Mary Cahill, who has resided with her parents and is a pupil of the Notre Dame academy.

Throughout this city the older Irish residents will lament the death of Mr. Cahill, whom they had known for so many years as a genial, good natured, charitable, sober and industrious citizen.

FELL YESTERDAY.

Margaret Surpry of Gorham street and an employe of the Tremont & Suffolk mills fell on the steps of the mills when entering the corporation yesterday morning and sustained a serious injury to one of her hips. She was removed to the corporation hospital.

MATRIMONIAL.

CRAIG—STEWART.

A pretty home wedding took place at 12 Nichols street last evening, the contracting parties being Miss Lillian Maude Stewart and Mr. Ernest Craig, Rev. D. A. MacPhie solemnizing the nuptial rites. Mrs. Claribel Axtman of Wilmot, a cousin of the bride, was matron of honor and Mr. W. F. Stewart, a brother, was the best man. The bride wore white nun's veiling with satin and chiffon trimming and wore the customary veil and carried white pinks. The young couple received many tokens of the esteem in which they are held. They will be at home after January 1st at 12 Nichols street.

THE AGE LIMIT.

The new law governing attendance of children at public schools in Massachusetts, which went into effect in September, will not allow school children under the age required by law to work during the Christmas holidays any more than at any other time in the year. Previous to this year it has been customary for children to receive employment from the management of down town stores during the holiday rush but violations of the age limit will be keenly watched and prosecuted.

BOWLING.

By weak rolling in the final string the Concords allowed the Heroes to take a game at Les Miserables alleys last night. The score:

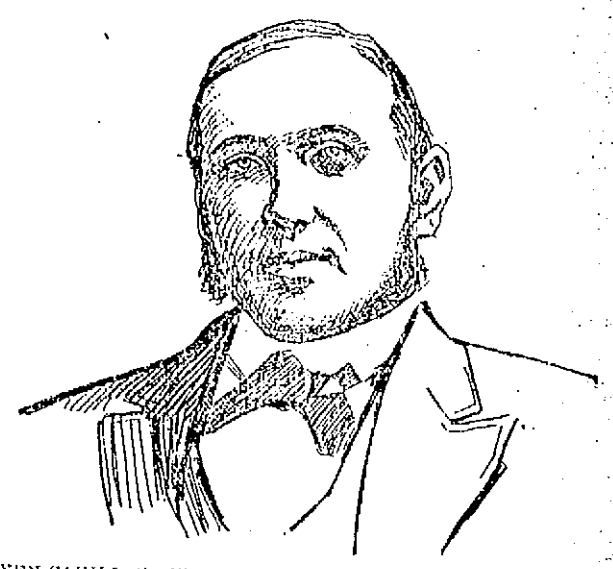
Heroes—Flood, 446; McCaffrey, 411; Sweeney, 426; Brown, 412; Whalen, 356; totals, 2071.

Concords—Hennessey, 526; Guimond, 469; Cotter, 368; Bushey, 351; O'Brien, 390; totals, 2034.

MILL STOCK SALES.

2 Everett Mills, 68¾; 14 Great Falls Manufacturing Company, 640; 2 Androscoggin Mills, 110¼; 60 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company, 42; 25 Lyman Mills, 52; 10 Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford, 85¼@85½.

Tons of poultry and Meats and Vegetables at Fairburn's market, Merrimack square.



OWEN CAHILL, the Well Known Blacksmith, Who Died at His Home on Chelmsford Street Last Night.

SERIOUS CHARGE

Made Against Cashier Spaulding and Mrs. Jameson.

SPAULDING SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED.

Miss Meeker's Death Was Caused by Criminal Action.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 22.—William G. Spaulding, cashier of the Germania National bank at Port Clinton, and Mrs. Martha S. Jamieson of this city have been arrested on the charge of causing the death of Miss Amy Meeker by performing a criminal operation upon her. It is said that Spaulding has made a confession.

The dead woman was a daughter of Captain Meeker, a well known farmer of Ottawa county, who lives at Locust Point, a few miles from Port Clinton. Spaulding is connected with the prominent Spaulding family, owners of vessels and fruit growers. He was prominent in Port Clinton society.

THE GRIP RAGING.

The grip is reported as very prevalent. It is epidemic in New York and some other places. Four members of one family are reported as ill from it in this city.

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AT THE RECOUNT

The Registrars Will Finish the Task Today.

CHANGE OF 25 VOTES FOR NO LICENSE.

High School Boys Want an Extra Holiday.

The registrars will probably finish the recount this evening. This morning they finished ward six and at noon were half through ward eight. They found no changes this morning and the total gain for no license at this writing is 25 votes.

WANT A HOLIDAY.

The boys of the High school today sent a petition to Mayor Bennett, asking him to grant them a holiday tomorrow. The mayor referred the petition to the school board and as that body does not meet until next year it is very probable that the boys will meander to High school tomorrow.

It is surprising to learn that the High school boys know so little of that portion of municipal affairs which refers to them. Mayor Bennett is no longer a member of the school board and has no power to grant holidays to school children. Chairman A. G. Swapp of the board is the only individual with such power. He may grant four holidays a year while the school board itself may grant half-days.

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TRUE AND MURPHY

Both Appear Before Judge Hadley.

THE FORMER WAIVES AN EXAMINATION.

To Superior Court—Murphy's Case Continued.

The continued cases of William T. True and Edwin D. Murphy came up in police court this forenoon before Judge Hadley. Both were charged with obtaining money from the city of Lowell under false pretences. True was represented by Lawyer James Corbett who waived examination and the court ordered True in $800 for trial before the Superior court the second Monday in February. Mr. True's father furnished the bond. John W. McEvoy, Esq., Mr. Murphy's counsel sent a letter to Judge Hadley, which was read in court, stating that it was impossible for him to appear in court owing to an important business engagement in Boston and he asked for a continuance for one week. This was granted and Murphy was held in $800. Bail was furnished by Mr. William Callahan.

Mr. True shows the effects of his recent severe illness and looked pale and careworn as if suffering from mental strain.

Of the other cases Margaret Conroy paid a fine of $50 for illegally keeping liquor.

Of the eight drunks the majority were released by court or fined a nominal sum, the only sentences being Mary A. Gardner, one month to the workhouse and Annie F. O'Hare, five months to the same institution.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

St. Patrick's Boys' and Girls' schools closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays. Exercises appropriate to the Christmas season were held in all the class rooms of both schools.

A FATAL MISTAKE

Men Thought Dynamite Fuse Had Failed.

CHARGE EXPLODED WITH TERRIFIC FORCE.

Five Men Were Seriously Injured.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 22.—An explosion of dynamite occurred four miles west of Huron, in which five men were seriously injured, two of whom may die. The names of the injured cannot be learned. Three heavy blasts of dynamite were placed in the rocky side of the canyon to be excavated and fired. Two exploded but the third was slow and the men thought the fuse had failed. After waiting a while, they returned to the hole, when the charge exploded with terrific force.

DEATHS.

WILLIS—Died in Ramsey, Ill., Dec. 14, Mrs. Carrie Newall, wife of Azro Willis. She leaves a husband, two sisters and one brother. Mrs. Willis was a sister of Mrs. Charles H. Hill of Myrtle street.

BATTLES—Hannah S. Battles, aged 68 years, wife of Cyrus M. Battles, died Wednesday at 38 Sixth street. She is survived besides her husband by a son and daughter. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home.

FUNERALS.

FARRELL—The funeral of Amelia Farrell took place at 9 o'clock from her late home, 142 Fayette street, this morning. The cortege proceeded from the residence to the Immaculate Conception church where a requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., and the choir rendered the Gregorian chant under the direction of P. P. Haggerty. The choir also sang "Rest, Spirit, Rest," at the conclusion of the service and as the remains were being removed from the church. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery. The bearers were Michael and John Flanagan, William Sullivan, William Buckley, Michael Carey and James Carr. The funeral was largely attended and many friends of the deceased witnessed the interment of the remains.

EX-MAYOR COURTNEY BETTER.

Within the past few days the condition of Hon. William F. Courtney has improved so much that his attending physician is having strong hopes for his speedy recovery. The patient is now beginning to eat, his sleep is more restful, and he sits up at intervals.

Mr. Cyrus M. Battles, whose wife died yesterday, is quite ill himself at his home, 38 Sixth street.

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73c., worth $1, for Men's Opera Slippers, black and russet.
99c. for Men's Harvard tie, black and russet.
$1.49 for Men's Russia Calf Slippers.
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45c. and 75c. for excellent quality, Dog Skin Gloves, in reds, tans and browns.
$1.00 and $1.35 for silk lined, undressed Kid Gloves (Mocha.)
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MIKE SEAR'S BOUT

With Alf Wright, the English Bantam

WILL TAKE PLACE THIS EVENING.

Other Cossip of the Prize Ring.

The twenty-round contest between Mike Sears, the gallant little American, and Alf Wright, the English bantam, which will be decided at the Olympic A. C., Birmingham, Eng., tonight, is attracting national attention for the reason that if Wright should succeed in whipping the American the chances are very strong that he will invade the country with a defi aimed at the best of his weight, and that man is undoubtedly Terry McGovern of Brooklyn, who has worked his way to the front, marvellously in the past year.

But little is known of Wright in this country other than his losing fight with Dave Wallace, who defeated him in nineteen rounds at the National Sporting club, London, on Jan. 11, 1897, in what was generally said to have been the fastest battle of its kind that had ever taken place in that aristocratic club. This contest stamps Wright as a first class boxer, for it will be remembered that Wallace was considered good enough to tackle Tommy White, when the latter first visited England. Wallace was taken sick while training, and Ben Jordan was substituted as the next best available man, and the ease with which Jordan walloped the Chicagoan and later outpointed George Dixon at the Lenox A. C. showed him to be a rare good glove pusher. Yet before that time Wallace was considered better than Jordan, and it is a high tribute to the mettle of Wright to be able to avert defeat for nineteen rounds before succumbing to the admittedly best man in the "light little isle."

Sear's work of late, except his losing to his recent English opponent, is of the most gratifying kind. He demonstrated beyond all cavil that he was in the front ranks of American bantams when he handled Patsy Haley, Spider Weir and Jack Frazier with such skill as to come out of these battles with hardly a mark to show that he had engaged in encounters with the best that could be produced.

He will have the benefit of being acclimated when he goes into the ring tonight with Wright, something which he sadly lacked when he made his initial bow before an English audience. He has been in training at Chipperfield and has appeared in a sparring act all over England with rare success, winning praise everywhere by his cleverness and his willingness to meet all-comers, big and little.

Dan Creedon and George Green are scheduled to settle their differences at San Francisco on Dec. 23. Green appears to be conceding great odds of weight, but things are running queerly on the Pacific coast.

Johnny Lavack, who fought Solly Smith a draw at Boston two years ago, is carded to clash against Fred Green at Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 27th.

Dan Sullivan, formerly of Boston, who once fought Dick O'Brien for fifteen rounds before the award was given to the latter, has signed articles to meet Jim Janey in a preliminary to the Gans-Daley contest at the Lenox A. C., on Dec. 27th.

"Honest John" Kelly has been commissioned by a Texas syndicate to offer $10,000 for a finish fight between Tommy Ryan and Bob Fitzsimmons. Each man will be allowed $2500 for training expenses. The offer has been communicated to the men.

Frank Erne has decided to leave for San Francisco next month. He will probably get on a return match with Kid Lavigne. It is understood that negotiations are now going on between the men for another match and that everything will be arranged by the time Erne reaches the coast.

Jim Kennedy, who looks after the Buffalo boxer's interest, said yesterday: "Outside of Lavigne, Dal Hawkins is the only man Erne will meet. He might consider Gans' challenge if he will fight at 135 pounds at the ring side.

Billy Edwards, the champion middle weight of Australia and South Africa, who arrived in this country this week has already got down to business. There is talk of matching him against Joe Walcott at the Lenox Athletic club for a twenty-round go. Edwards will fight between 142 and 146 pounds.

Teddy McGovern, who knocked out Jimmy Rose in such clever style on Saturday night has been matched to fight Austin Rice of New London, twenty five rounds before the Pelican Athletic club on December 31st. They will meet at 115 pounds for a percentage of the receipts.

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COL. BARRETT KILLED

He Fell From a Three Story Window.

He Was Unconscious When Picked Up and Died in Half an Hour—He Was National President of Sons of American Revolution.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, Mass., Dec. 21—Col. Edwin S. Barrett, national president of the Sons of the American Revolution, was killed by falling from a third story window of his home here, this forenoon.

Mr. Barrett was about 60 years of age and he leaves a widow, three daughters and a son.

Col. Barrett of late had been subject to attacks of fainting. He went to the third story of his house this forenoon to open a window. It is thought he became faint and fell from the window, striking on his head. He was taken up in an unconscious condition, and died about an hour later, without having recovered sensibility.

Col. Barrett was one of the best known residents of this town, particularly because of his interest in all matters pertaining to patriotism. He lived in the house near the Concord bridge at which the Americans formed before going to the bridge where their stand was made against the British at the opening of the revolution. He had been one of the most active of those interested in marking in permanent form the graves of the revolutionary soldiers and was among the most vigorous of those who have opposed the use of the American flag for advertising purposes.

From Yesterday's Late Editions.

SOLEMN SERVICE

Held Over the Remains of Thomas McLaughlin.

MANY BEAUTIFUL FLORAL TRIBUTES.

Large Attendance of Relatives and Friends.

Funeral services over the remains of Thomas McLaughlin were held this morning at St. Patrick's church. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock from the Holiday Farm in South Nashua, a large delegation of the Lowell friends of the deceased, besides his immediate relatives, attending. The remains arrived at the northern depot in this city shortly after 10 o'clock. At 10.30 o'clock service was commenced at St. Patrick's church. A delegation of 12 members of Lowell lodge, B. P. O. Elks was present at the services. Rev. Richard S. Burke was the celebrant of the mass. The Gregorian chant was sung by the choir under the direction of E. F. Faulkner, with solos by Miss Josephine Finn and Daniel J. Donahue, Esq. At the offertory, the hymn "Dominum" was rendered by Miss Finn and Mr. Donahue sang "I Love to Hear My Saviour's Voice" at the conclusion of the mass. As the remains were being borne from the church, Mr. George Kelley rendered the solos in the De Profundis. At the entrance of the church at the close of the service, the casket was opened and the remains were viewed by many. From the church the cortege proceeded to the Catholic cemetery, where, committal, prayers were read by Fr. Burke. The bearers were John Ryan, William Farrell, Patrick Walsh, Edward R. French, Philip Connors and Rollin W. Stickney. The funeral was very largely attended and many prominent Lowell people including ex-mayors Palmer and Noyes, besides a representation of the out-of-town and local horsemen were present. Many floral tributes of exquisite design were received at St. Patrick's church from early morning from many states and cities. They were directed to "T. J. McLaughlin, St. Patrick's Church, Lowell, Mass." Among the floral pieces from local friends of deceased was a handsome design from the Franklin club. It was a mammoth anchor on mound which was composed principally of pinks and roses and was dotted with chrysanthemums and poppies. The tribute stood about six feet high and on the base was inscribed "Franklin Club." The other offerings were: Pillow inscribed "Brother" from the bereaved brother and sister of deceased; wreath of pinks and ivy, friend; pillow of ivy and chrysanthemums, Ex-Mayor Charles D. Palmer; crescent, Mr. and Mrs. Sughrue; mammoth pillow of pinks and roses with palms, inscribed "B. P. O. Elks," from Lowell lodge Elks; spray of roses, J. Henry Richardson of Andover; cross, inscribed "Uncle" from nephews of deceased.

FUNERALS.

DIMAN—The funeral of Mr. Fred L. Diman, conductor of the Lowell Philharmonic club took place this afternoon at 1 o'clock from his late residence, 47 Bartlett avenue, Arlington, and was largely attended, many of his friends being present from Lowell.

BROWN—The funeral of Willard A. Brown took place this afternoon from his late home, 62 Fairmont street. Among the large attendance of prominent citizens present were delegations from Kilwinning lodge and members of the board of trustees of the Central Savings bank. Services were impressively conducted by Rev. Charles T. Billings, pastor of the Unitarian church. The interment was in the Lowell cemetery and the pall bearers were Solon W. Stevens, Esq., Major Charles A. Stott, Mr. Francis Nichols and Mr. Frank K. Stearns. Undertaker Currier had charge of the funeral arrangements.

DURANT—The funeral of Mrs. Ann Durant took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. O. B. Bartlett in Wilder street. Rev. C. T. Billings conducted the service and Mrs. Charles Williams sang appropriate hymns. The bearers were Charles Wilder, Charles Warren, C. E. Carter and S. K. Dexter. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery.

MR. ZIMMER'S DEATH.

At the last meeting of the Lowell Musicians' Association, the following resolution of condolence was adopted, relative to our late brother, Mr. Chas. Zimmer:

Whereas, Divine Providence has taken from our midst one of our most prominent members, a member whom we have been intimately associated with for many years, and whose loss to us all it would be impossible to find words to express. In the midst of our sorrow we can remember that he has left behind him a character for honesty and uprightness, which is of more value than untold wealth. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That we drape our charter in mourning for 30 days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

(Signed)

Lowell Musicians' Association, No. 83, American Federation of Musicians.

FOR GRAND JURY.

ALLEGED ROBBERS OF A LOWELL MAN AT DOVER.

Jeremiah Sullivan, William Burke, and John Farrell the trio charged with robbing James Manning of Lowell, Mass., of his gold watch, chain and money and other valuables Monday forenoon in a freight car in the Boston & Maine freight yard, were arraigned in the Dover, N. H., police court yesterday morning. The men all pleaded not guilty but were held for the February term of the supreme court in bonds of $500 each.

THE MATHEWS.

The Mathews admitted four candidates and received seven propositions at their meeting last night. Reports from the dramatic and anniversary committees were heard. Election of officers for the ensuing six months will be held next Tuesday.

HORSE TAKEN ILL.

A horse belonging to Thomas Fay was seized with a colic fit in French street this morning, while in double harness. As the animal is one of Mr. Fay's most valuable draught horses, it received the finest care while lying in the street and was later carried in a dray to its barn on Centralville Heights.



The carriage of a buzz-saw doesn't move very fast, but if a man stays on it long enough he will presently be sawn asunder. The process of gradual bodily decline and loss of energy which leads finally to consumption is not always very rapid, but if it isn't stopped it will presently begin to saw its way into the most vital part of the body, the lungs. There would be very little consumption if every family would keep Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in the house, and use it whenever feeling "out of sorts." It keeps the entire body in such a high condition of health and forcefulness that wasting diseases have no chance to get a foot-hold. A teaspoonful or two before meals, in a little water, gives the digestive organism power to assimilate the blood-making, nerve-toning, strength-building properties of the food.

It enables the liver and excretory system to clear the circulation of bilious poisons and remove all waste matter from the body. It replaces worn out tissue with hard muscular flesh, and changes weakness and debility into active power and nerve force.

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OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

"At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

Everyone gives Gifts to their relatives and friends at Christmas time. Gift giving is not confined to the wealthy; the humblest toiler delights in taking from his too scanty purse that he may procure some little token for those dear to him to commemorate the MERRY CHRISTMAS. Our big store is simply a huge exhibition of everything worth having in the way of Practical, Sensible and desirable Holiday Gifts. NO FANCY PRICES. We have bound high quality and low prices so closely together, that one cannot exist here without the other. During the holiday season this is especially noteworthy—for while most stores deem it good business policy to charge more for goods now than at other times—we bring every possible energy to bear in the opposite direction and make our

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A stylish young man will always appreciate the latest thing in NECKWEAR. All the swellest sorts are here in abundance.

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SIMS CAPTURED

He Killed Robert Norton at Country Dance.

MOB TRIED TO LYNCH HIM.

Only a Few Officers on Guard

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 21.—Monday night while at a country dance Robert Norton, a prominent citizen of Tobb Creek, became involved in a difficulty with Alfred Sims, a discharged soldier. Sims killed Norton in a fight. Both were drinking but Sims escaped but was captured and sent to jail. Yesterday evening Norton's brother, leading 500 men, surrounded the jail swearing to kill Sims. They were armed with shot guns and Winchesters. An attempt was made to bring Sims to Decatur but the mob closed in, preventing removal. There is but a handful of officers on guard. Reliable advices received, at a late hour indicates that the mob is quiet but determined.

CALDER RETURNS

Was Arrested by Detectives This Morning.

HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY.

Was Previously Indicted for Embezzlement.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 12.—John B. Calder, the bookkeeper for S. S. Sprague & Co., grain dealers, who disappeared two weeks ago just after the suspicions of his employers had been aroused, returned to the city a few days ago and this morning was arrested by detectives. Later he was arraigned in the sixth district court on the charge of embezzling $1500. He waived examination and was held in $5,000 bonds for the action of the grand jury. Nearly twenty years ago Calder was indicted for embezzlement from the Grocers' and Producers' bank of this city. He was tried three times but each time the jury failed to agree and finally the case against him was dropped.

William E. Savage, for several years with Foss, the contractor, is a candidate for city messenger.

BURNED TO DEATH

Chisholm Was Engaged in Stringing Wires

AND GRASPED A LIVE WIRE.

Companions Tried to Rescue Him.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Among the net work of wires 26 feet above the ground Roderick Chisholm, an electrician, was slowly burned to death in sight of several hundred spectators at the corner of 55th and State streets. For nearly ten minutes the horror stricken crowd watched the workmen in their frantic endeavors to release their comrade from among the wires.

Chisholm was employed by the Commonwealth Electric company and with a number of other men, was stringing electric wires along State street. While at the top of one of the poles, it is supposed he grasped a live wire. He was seen to fall back among the wires, apparently lifeless.

TRAINS COLLIDED

And a Colored Porter Was Killed.

FOUR PASSENGERS WERE INJURED.

One Boy is Reported as Missing.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Eastern Express, east-bound, ran into the Chicago & New York express also east-bound, on the Pennsylvania railroad at Colonia, near Rahway, N. J., this morning. A colored porter of one of the Pullmans was killed and four or five passengers were injured. The accident was due to a dense fog. The Eastern express is known as Train No. 6, and the other as No. 10.—The latter train was made up of 11 cars, including one sleeper. There were seventeen passengers in this car. Besides the porter killed, one boy is missing. Two women passengers were pinned in the wreck. The other passengers escaped with more or less injury.

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P.O. Taylor Whiskies suited for the sick room.

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WILL LAY TRACKS AND OPERATE IN KANSAS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—The Tribune says: All doubts regarding the Illinois Central's entrance into Omaha have been removed by recent real estate transactions in that city. The company has obtained an option on a considerable block of ground in South Omaha, east of the present Union Pacific tracks, running in an easterly direction from Summit to the Union stock yards.

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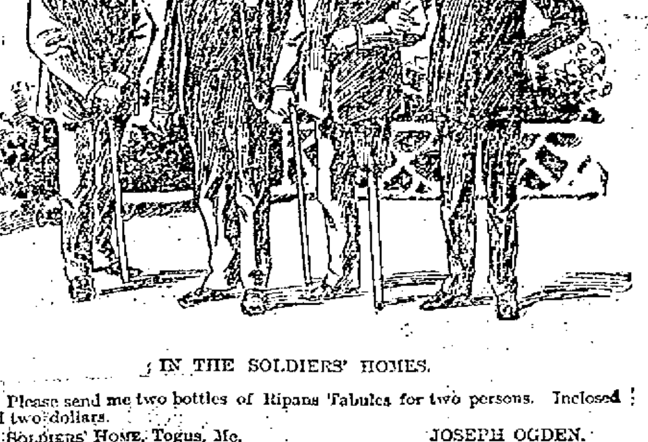
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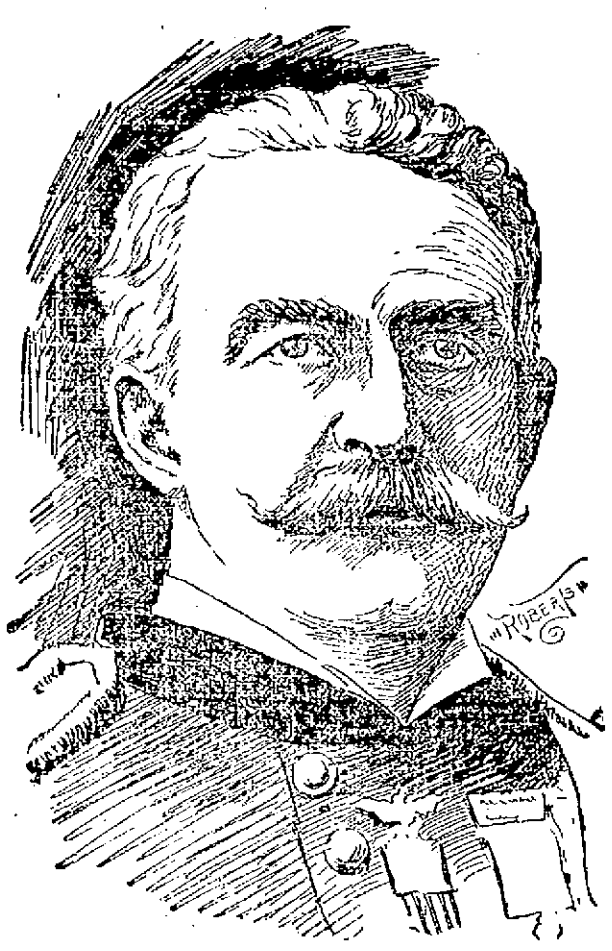
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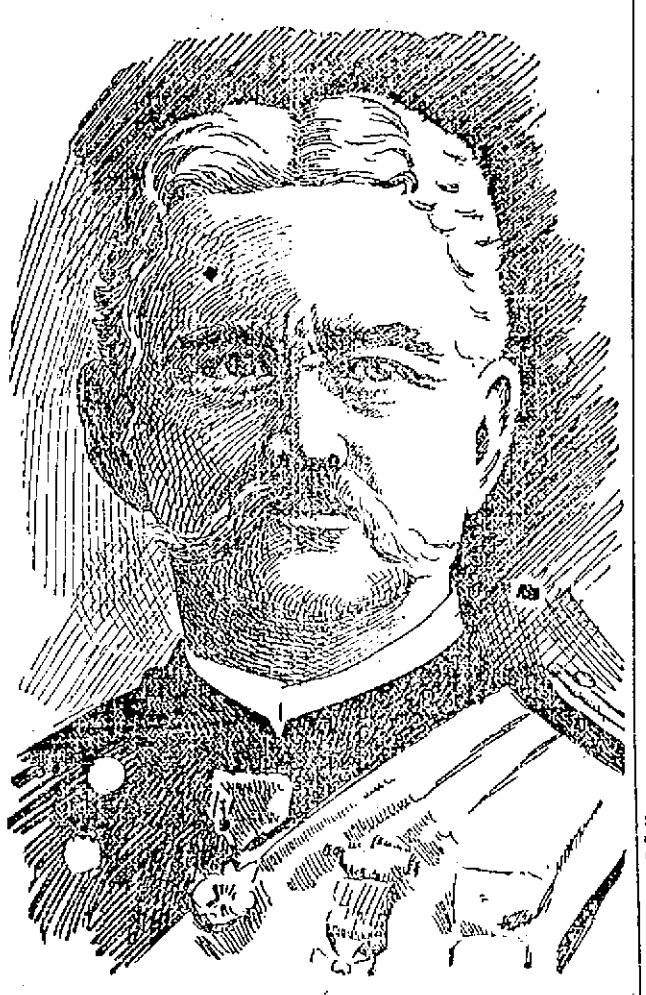
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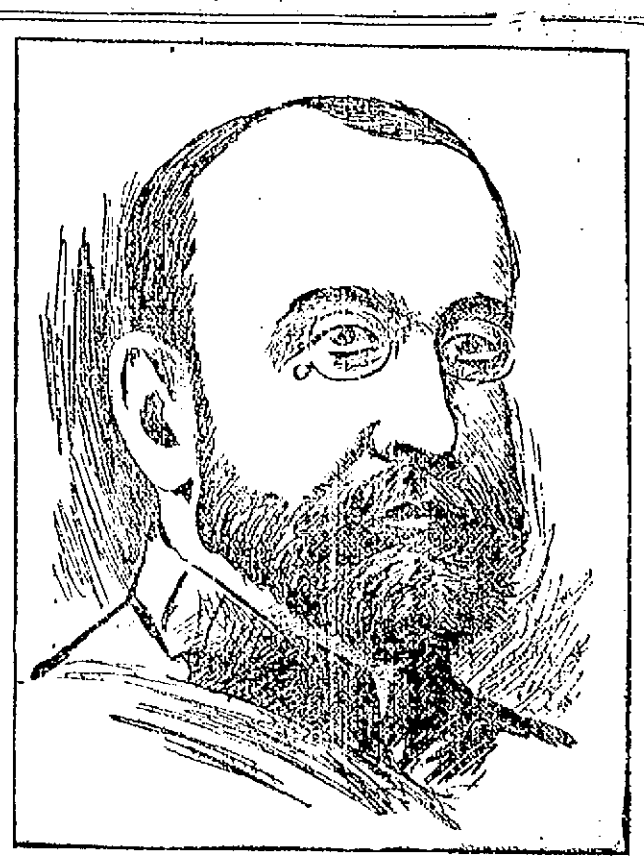
THE TWO STAR WITNESSES IN THE WAR INQUIRY.



GEN. NELSON A. MILES, Who Testified Before the War Board to the Mismanagement of the War Department by Sec. Alger.



GEN. MERRITT, Who Tesetified to the Losses in the Philippine Campaign.



CAPTAIN GENERAL CASTELLANOS, who will be the representative of Spain to hand over Cuba to the United States. He will remain until Jan. 1 and not leave the island by Gen. Ruegos before that date, as it has been reported that he will do. He will thus be the last viceroy of Spain in the New World.

THE ERIE CASES

The Question of Values Excluded.

THE DEFENSE PUTS ON WITNESSES.

Chas. J. Glidden Closely Questioned by Lawyers.

Before Judge Hardy in the Superior court in East Cambridge, yesterday the tax case of the Erie Telephone company was again taken up with Assistant Assessor Frank F. Read the first witness called, corroborating the testimony given by ex-assessor Edgell on Tuesday.

Ex-Assessor John E. Maguire, who was an assessor in 1889, was the next witness. He told of the manner of assessing the defendants as trustees and explained that the men were found to be trustees of Northwestern, Southwestern and Cleveland stock comprising the Erie. Mr. Maguire mentioned several conferences of the assessors before the taxes were levied in this particular case and referred to the engagement of an expert.

He was cross-examined by Mr. Shepard principally as to how the board assessed the defendants as trustees without any definite descriptions of the stock of which they were claimed to be trustees.

City Treasurer Charles F. Coburn, the next witness, told of the books being transferred to him from his predecessor and the obligation to collect the taxes from the defendants.

Mr. Coburn read the warrant in the 1889 book from the assessors to him for the collection of taxes, and also the commitment to Austin K. Chadwick and other treasurers when they were in office.

Treasurer Coburn said he took office in September, 1895, and so far as he knew, there was no warrant to him to collect these taxes.

City Clerk Dadman and the clerk of the common council were recalled to read from their records the resignations of City Treasurers Sleeper and Chadwick, after which the government declared that its case was closed with the exception of the introduction of the book of statements of the Ward Four assessors, which was in Lowell. The defense submitted to a request that the book be allowed as testimony upon its arrival from this city.

The defense then opened its argument. Five witnesses were sworn and the first to take the stand was Charles J. Glidden. He testified: "I have been connected with the Erie company since it was organized. I am now the president and was formerly secretary and treasurer. I am connected also with the Cleveland company organized under the laws of Ohio, also the northwestern and southwestern companies. I was secretary and treasurer of the companies up to a year ago and then president."

Mr. Glidden was asked if on May 1, 1889, the Southwestern company owned any property.

Mr. Richardson promptly objected to this question.

The point was argued by counsel and Mr. Richardson read Chap. 11, Sec. 4 of the public statutes concerning the province of the county commissioners on tax cases.

The court admitted the question subject to the exception of the plaintiff and Mr. Glidden answered that the Southwestern company owned no property May 1, 1889.

Mr. Glidden was asked if either the Southwestern or Northwestern company was doing any business May 1, 1889.

Mr. Richardson objected.

Mr. Glidden was asked whether or not he knew where the shares of the company were in 1889.

Mr. Richardson objected but withdrew the objection.

"I don't mean to be too abrupt," said Mr. Richardson, "but Mr. Shepard is so sharp I have to keep watch."

"I'm not so sharp as the city of Lowell," said Mr. Shepard.

"I'm not the city of Lowell," replied Mr. Richardson, "I'm only one of 80,000 inhabitants."

Mr. Glidden answered that he did not know where the shares were in 1889.

"On May 1, 1889, did you hold any personal estate whatever in trust?"

Objected to and allowed. Answer—No.

"Had the Southwestern a franchise with the American Bell company?"

Objected to.

Mr. Shepard said he desired to offer testimony in relation to the value of shares in different companies.

His desire was not allowed by the court.

Cross-examination: To Mr. Richardson—The Erie Telephone company was made up of the Southwestern, Northwestern and Erie. Those organizations exist today.

"The directors in the Northwestern are not the same as the Erie. There were 11 directors in the Northwestern company in 1889 and 10 in the Erie, all of whom were in the Northwestern. The 11th man lived in Boston. A majority of the directors of the Cleveland were not directors of the Erie.

"By the by-laws of the Southwestern company the directors met annually up to 1889 in New York. Then the stockholders elected the directors. In 1888 the annual meeting was held in June. I was present and 20,000 shares were acted upon.

"I did not hold the meeting alone but I think I could have done so. I think Mr. Bennett was president in 1888. The requirement for a quorum was any number of shares represented. Mr. Sprague was present and Mr. Bennett. I can't say whether any one else was present. All who were present were also stockholders of the Erie company.

"In 1888 I was clerk and secretary of all the companies. The records are in the hands of the present secretaries. They all live in Lowell. In 1889 the Bell Telephone company had a contract with all the sub-companies and recognized the Erie corporations. No leases were made to the latter. In 1888, 70 per cent. of the dividends of the Northwestern company were paid to the Erie company direct and 30 per cent. to the Bell company direct.

Redirect—There were no books kept of stockholders of the three sub-companies.

Mr. Shepard said he wanted to show that all these companies were taxed in their several localities in addition to being taxed in Lowell.

Objected to and not allowed.

Another objection was made when Mr. Glidden was asked if he knew where the shares of the Erie were held.

Witness answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Shepard wanted to show that shares of Erie were held by citizens of Massachusetts and largely of Lowell.

City Treasurer Coburn was recalled by Mr. Qua, the book of ward four having arrived and the former read a record of the tax assessed against the defendants in that ward in 1889.

J. W. C. Pickering, another defendant was called and testified under objection that he held no personal property in trust in 1889.

On cross-examination Mr. Pickering said he didn't know that he held any stock in the different sub-companies. Prior to 1889 he didn't think he attended a meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland company.

He could not remember that he ever was a director in the Cleveland company. He attended some of the meetings as a guest.

Noon recess was taken.

After recess Mr. Pickering took the stand but was withdrawn and Levi Sprague, another defendant, took the stand.

Questions as to whether or not Mr. Sprague held any personal property in trust May 1, 1889. They were objected to and stricken out after an argument by counsel and the ruling applied to previous witnesses' testimony of the same nature.

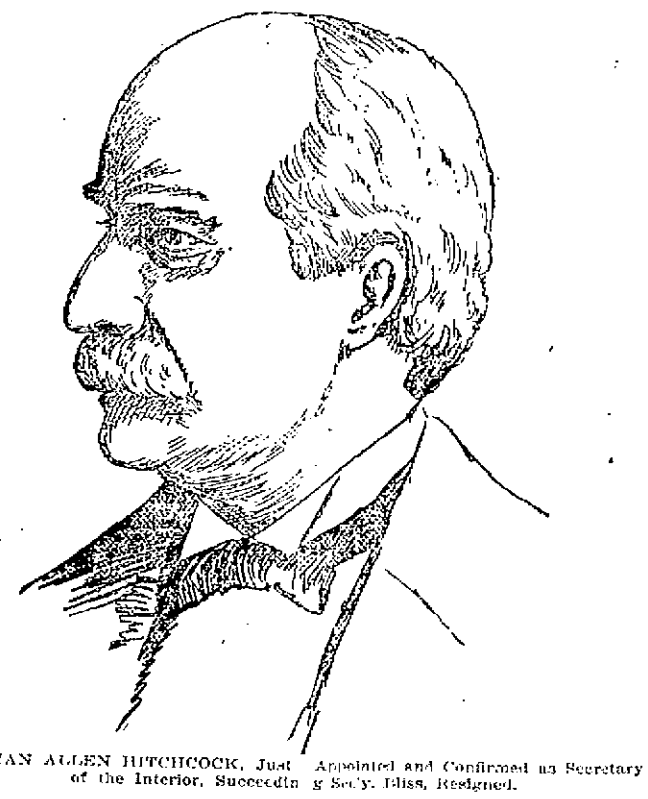
On that account Mr. Shepard announced that his testimony was closed.

Mr. Shepard offered to show the value of Erie, Northwestern, Southwestern and Cleveland shares. The court excluded all such testimony.

The jury was then excused temporarily for the purpose of allowing counsel to argue certain points which should be presented to the jury by the court.

Mr. Shepard wanted the jury to make certain findings on the question of fact and read some questions which he thought could properly go before the jury. Mr. Qua held that the only question for the jury was whether or not the assessment made by the board of assessors was a proper one or not.

There was an extended argument on questions of law and at the close the jury was sent for and the arguments were made by Messrs. Shepard and Richardson.



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The Hon. George A. Marden will soon be in official clover again. George is never at home except in a good, fat office.

Lieut. Hobson's way westward was strewn with roses and kisses. He took the kisses and left the roses. He says the women liked the kisses and so did he. What a strange individual to be called a hero.

It would be a nice Christmas present if the Mesdames Gervais and Martel of this city were to inherit a large fortune from a relative in France as they anticipate. Such presents are very rare, nowadays.

The washout of the state highway at Swampscott will teach the Metropolitan commission that it must not trespass upon the domain of Neptune. Old Ocean will tolerate no restraint and any attempt to curb the tide will be as futile as Mrs. Partington's effort to sweep back the waves with a broom.

The joint debate between Solon W. Stevens and Professor Edward Atkinson before the Lawrence board of trade on the question of assuming control of the Philippines, must have been quite enjoyable because both men are good talkers and Mr. Atkinson is a great statistician. Mr. Stevens met solid argument with a display of rhetoric.

The breaking of the cable near Cape Cod may yet solve the mystery of the sinking of the Portland. It is assumed that the cable must have met some extraordinary pressure when it broke, as at its depth in the water the fury of the waves would not be likely to break it. Hence the supposition that the hull of the sinking, helpless Portland came in contact with the cable and snapped it. It is hoped that this will give a clew to the discovery of the hull, for which so many people are anxiously waiting.

Martin Farrell is at present in charge of the liquor licenses in Dracut. If Mr. Farrell should be successful in securing the privilege of selling liquor in that town next year he would have an opportunity to make money. There was quite a scrap over the Dracut liquor license in 1890 but it proved little more than a public nuisance and had to be abandoned. The same may be true next year unless the police force of Dracut be greatly enlarged and arrangements made to preserve order. Let the Dracut voters decide.

SEEKING TO PLUNDER THE TREASURY.

As a result of our territorial expansion, another scheme is coming to the front for the purpose of plundering the treasury. It is that of securing government bounties for American vessels engaged in commercial business, with the hope of securing government aid for private enterprise, that should stand or fall on its merits. The government has been looted to such an extent by the trusts and combines that wrote the tariff schedules in the Dingley law, that such people consider it an easy matter to get their paws into the treasury and help themselves at will. The most plausible pretexts will be adopted to secure such bounties as a tribute to our national pride, necessary to put us on a level with other nations. That is what our industries of various kinds have done. They have been pampered by government protection, like hot house plants, which perish when exposed to the open air. They cannot withstand open competition. If there is trade upon the seas the merchants will see their opportunity to have a portion of it, and it would be gross waste of public money to offer it in bounties to merchant vessels.

General Alger recommends that the army be increased to one hundred thousand and for this he wants an appropriation of one hundred and sixty-six million dollars. With this amount he can provide fat salaries for a large number of his political heelers and equip the government with a lot of officials, who if called upon to serve in actual warfare would prove as miserable failures as Gen. Alger himself. The recommendation should be rejected and any tendency to make this republic a military power should be discountenanced. Of course if we take charge of new colonies, an army must be maintained sufficient to protect them. That is one of the reasons urged against the acquisition of new colonies. As Dooley of Chicago says: "The policy is one of "expand and explod."

The proposition to build a monument to the memory of the soldiers who died in the Spanish-American war, will meet with general approval from all patriotic citizens, although it comes perhaps rather early. The memory of the martyrs in that war will lose nothing by the advance of time, as we surmise that the magnitude of the victory will become more apparent after the lapse of a few years. The proposition, however, is a good one, and it is well at this time to bring it before the people for consideration. We have no doubt that it will meet a most generous response but we hope it will not prevent proper consideration for the survivors of the struggle who have returned shattered in health.

Mrs. Hettie Green, the richest woman in America, has moved from New Bedford to Groton, Mass., where part of her property will be assessed. It is rumored that she has changed her residence in order to evade the payment of taxes in New Bedford, but the tax collectors will follow her wherever she goes and it is quite probable that Hettie will have to submit to the decree of the tax collector or else to the warrant of a legal official that may conduct her to jail.

THE SAVOY.

LOWELL'S NEW CASINO THEATRE.

The Casino House was last night, as has been the rule so far during this week, the scene of a most refined and pleasing variety performance, the audience present showing their continued appreciation by their hearty and prolonged applause necessitating a recall on many of the numbers. It certainly seems that this house is bound to find a secure place in the minds of the Lowell public, for not only are the artists those of reputation and merit, but the best that can be obtained by the management and only those who have a clean and refined act can obtain a place on the stage of the Casino. Last evening, Clements, Marshall and Sunshine were most pleasing to those who witnessed their sketch and the dancing of Miss Marshall being a novelty itself, and Little Sunshine, who has found a warm spot in the breasts of her Lowell friends sustained her reputation as being the best rag-time song soloist seen here. Mr. Clements, who has a country-wide reputation as a comedian, was also in demand and found new friends last night.

Spencer Bros. cannot be sufficiently spoken of to convey the impression they made on the audience of last evening. To say they are comical does not half answer the purpose. They are laugh convulsers.

Mudge and Morton last evening played and sang their way into the hearts of their hearers and the song by Miss Morton to the flute accompaniment of Mr. Mudge was superbly rendered. They have no peers as musical artists and although brought by the management from Weber & Fields,' in New York, where they played Sunday night, the management could not better display their intention of furnishing the best talent possible to the people of this city than by such as are on the bill this week.

Miss Ida Rogers again was obliged to respond to a recall and in her rendition of her childlike song of "I'll Put You in a Corner," carried her audience and again to satisfy her hearers pleasingly answered with another solo.

Green & Friend have one of the finest and pleasing domestic sketches imaginable. Mr. Friend, who was formerly of the Sporting Duchess company, is an actor of marked ability, and the support he receives in Miss Green is that of an able and doubly talented lady who has a remarkably fine personality in addition to a sweet voice and in the singing of the kissing duet both she and Mr. Friend completely captivate the audience. They are certainly making a great hit in this city and the sketch of which they control the copyright is destined to cause them to play return engagements if such can be arranged. In the singing of "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky" Miss Green is superb and should be heard to fully understand the real beauty of this sweet southern ballad.

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HOW THE CHURCH PEOPLE OF PORTLAND, ORE. GREETED REV. MR. BLACKBURN.

In a recent issue of the "Pacific Baptist," a Pacific coast church publication, there appeared the following account of the welcome extended Rev. Alexander Blackburn, formerly of Lowell:

"The First church of Portland tendered Dr. Alexander Blackburn and family a reception in the church parlors on Friday evening, December 2. The ladies had decorated the church beautifully with palms, evergreens and roses. "Capt. J. A. Sladen extended the welcome on behalf of the state and expressed commiseration for the doctor that he had always dwelt where it was not safe to go out in the dark for fear of stepping over into a neighboring state. He was welcomed to our grand mountains and rivers, and to the hearts and homes of the people. Dr. A. W. Ackerman, pastor of the First Congregational church, and president of the ministerial association, gave the greetings of the ministers of the city. Dr. E. P. Hill of the First Presbyterian church extended the welcome of the city and said that when a prominent minister of another denomination came to a city the other ministers felt very much as the English soldiers did at the battle of Waterloo when reinforcements came under Blucher. His coming meant victory. So he welcomed the new pastor to the work and ultimate triumph. Deacon H. M. Clinton extended cordial greetings on behalf of the church and denomination. Dr. Blackburn responded to these warm words of welcome in an appropriate address. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse, in which the gathering joined with the pastor and his family and with each other, and in the discussion of the luncheon prepared by the ladies. Altogether the reception was a most happy affair, and Dr. Blackburn begins his pastorate under promising auspices, with the assurance of the confidence, love and co-operation of his people from the very first.

"Twenty three persons received the hand of fellowship at the Portland First church last Sunday. Four of these were the pastor's family, who were welcomed by Deacon Dygert."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Lady Franklin council, Daughters of Liberty met and elected the following officers last night: Councillor, Etta Sawyer; associate councillor, Etta Landers; vice councillor, G. C. Currier; associate vice councillor, A. Cora Stiles; guide, Mrs. Walker; recording secretary, Clara A. Varney; assistant recording secretary, George Gilman; financial secretary, Maude Farley; treasurer, Blanche Bartlett; inner guard, Mrs. Harrington; outer guard, Steven Prescott; trustee for 18 months, Mrs. Brett; representative to supreme council, A. Cora Stiles and Blanche Bartlett; alternates, Laura Copeland and Susie Gifford. It was voted to hold a union meeting on Jan. 16, when the officers will be installed in public.

At the annual meeting of Court St. Antoine, Catholic Order of Foresters, last night, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Fred Giroux; recording secretary A. N. Boulais; financial secretary, G. M. Bourgeois; treasurer, Timothy Vigeant; physician, Dr. L. V. Rochette; trustees, M. Pratt, T. Fortier and Frank Langlois.

At the meeting of Court City of Lowell, F. of A., last night, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, John F. Connolly; sub chief ranger, James H. Taylor; treasurer, James F. Kelley; junior woodward, Daniel F. Kennedy; senior woodward, James F. Shanahan; senior beadle, Frank Oulette; junior beadle, Stephen Radigan; trustee for three years, Patrick Coughlin; for one year, Michael Gilligan; physician, Michael Meagher, M. D.

At a meeting of Chevalier lodge, K. of P., last night, the second degree was conferred on one candidate by the degree staff of Hines lodge. A smoke talk followed

Centralville lodge, I.O.O.F., of Centraville worked the second degree on one candidate last night.

The degree staff of Victoria lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., will participate in the institution of a new lodge of the order at Gloucester, Saturday evening, Dec. 31.

A a meeting of Post 120 last night, it was voted to hold a joint installation of officers with the Women's Relief Corps on the first Wednesday in January.

DRACUT.

The last December meeting of the Grange was held Monday evening with a large attendance. Several lady members responded to the roll call who did not answer to their names at the last meeting, according to the order of the lecturer, and read humorous selections, occupying the early part of the evening. After intermission a report of the State Grange, which was held in Worcester last week, was given by Worthy Master Geo. A. H. Richardson, and listened to with much interest. This was followed by a lively discussion, "Does farming pay as well as other occupations, considering the amount of money invested?" Disputants, Messrs. Calvin Richardson, E. A. Stevens, S. R. Kitchen, Selden Coburn, George H. Stevens, Walter Harvey, Walter Coburn, D. Nute Cluff, Norman Peavey and Mrs. George H. Richardson. Sentiment of the house was 12 for affirmative and 10 negative.

Installation of officers will be held the first Monday in January. Supper under the supervision of George H. Stevens and E. S. Howe.

There is much sickness in town. Selectman Charles Jones, who has been very ill with pneumonia and heart trouble, is said to be a little better and hope is entertained for his recovery.

Saturday evening the primary and kindergarten departments of the Sunday school will give the entertainment. There will be the usual tree, and Santa in all his glory will be there and dispense gifts to the children.

Sunday morning there will be Christmas service. Special music has been prepared by the choir, assisted by an orchestra of five pieces, Mr. Will Hallowell leader of the orchestra. Prominent speakers from the city will interest the audience. Address by pastor.

The Ladies' Aid have decided to hold their annual fair the third week in January, and preparations are being made for a social and profitable occasion. Committees on sales tables will be announced later. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harvey are to have charge of the supper.

CHELMSFORD.

The second number in the course of free lectures under the direction of the Literary union of Chelmsford was given in the town hall last evening. It was an impersonation of the characters in Shakespeare's drama of Julius Caesar by Rev. A. C. White of Ware. There was a good attendance although not quite as large as at the opening lecture, due, no doubt, to less favorable weather conditions. Rev. E. C. Bartlett of the lecture committee presided. Mr. White is no stranger to a Chelmsford audience as last year in the Union course he gave a fine presentation of Hamlet. His work last evening was of a high order showing a most tenacious memory, marked versatility, and the ability to bring out strongly the salient traits of the dramatis personae.

It was announced that the third lecture will be given Saturday afternoon, Jan. 7, at 2.30 o'clock when the venerable statesman, Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell of Groton, will speak upon "Incidents of the Civil War." Mr. Boutwell's national reputation together with the fact that he was not merely an observer of affairs at that period but a participant in congressional action, will give to his words both interest and weight.

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Justice of the Peace Hayes of Jersey City, aroused from sleep early yesterday by a couple who desired to be married, found to his surprise when he hurried downstairs, that the groom to be was his son James.

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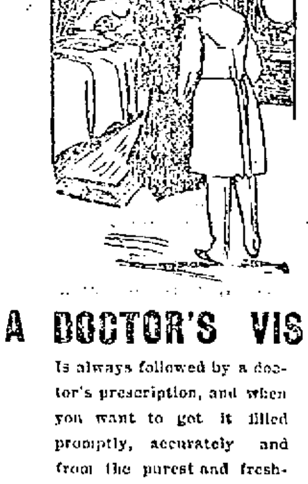
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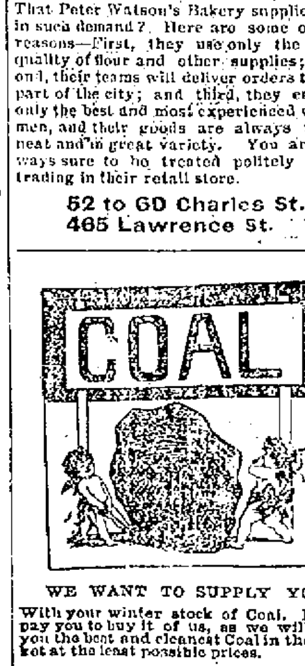
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Washington, Dec. 22.—The official reports of all commanding officers of the navy during the war have been compiled and published by the navy department. While treating of events that have already figured in published official reports, the documents still contain many minor reports that throw side-lights on interesting phases of the war.

In the brief record of the proceedings of the naval war board, an unknown hero is brought to light in the person of Ensign H. H. Ward, who at the beginning of the war was on duty in the navigating bureau. He volunteered for secret service duty, and his exploits, about which nothing has been said in the past, may well be placed on record beside those of other heroes. Within a week after the declaration of war, Ensign Ward disguised himself and went straight into the heart of the enemy's country, making his headquarters at Cadiz, the principal Spanish naval station, and informing the navy department here of the actual strenght of the Spanish naval vessels and their movements. Then he went to the West Indies and reported everything that was going on there of importance to the American navy. Next he went, in disguise, to Porto Rico, where he was arrested as a suspected spy. By adroitness he managed to secure his release, and, escaping from San Juan, cabled the navy department a full account of the defenses there and the preparations making for the reception of the Spanish squadron under Cervera. All this time even the officials of the navy department were under the impression that Mr. Ward was engaged in installing a system of coast signals on the New England coast. While Ward was in Porto Rico, Ensign Buck, another attache of the navigation bureau, was on the shores of the Mediterranean, in disguise, watching every movement of the squadron under Admiral Camara, which started for the Philippines, but turned back.

Of the strategy board itself, it is said that it was part of its duty to keep informed of all of the movements, resources and plans of the Spanish naval forces through secret agents, and it is now known that the navy was thus informed of all important movements. At times, however, information was conflicting, and decisions had to be made as to which report was true.

The reports of the famous naval battle at Cavite include one from Consul General Wildman. Following it is a report to his government on the same engagement by Admiral Montijo, the commander-in-chief of the ill-fated Spanish fleet. The admiral depicts the bad condition of the Spanish fleet and defenses. He says that the cruiser Castilla was incapable of maneuvering on account of her bad condition, while the defenses at the entrance of Subic bay were very backward. With much disgust he found that the guns which should have been mounted were delayed a month and a half, and he was no less disgusted to find that reliance was had for the defense of the port upon a few torpedoes, not properly placed. Finding Subic bay defenseless, the Spanish squadron repaired to the bay of Manila to meet battle under less unfavorable conditions. The admiral avoided the city, not wishing to draw fire upon it, and prepared his fleet for action, painting his vessels a dark grey, and having the fires spread and springs on all the cables. He says that the forces of Dewey's vessels, leaving out transports, amounted to 21,410 tons, 40,290 horse-power, 163 guns, many rapid-fire; 1750 men, and an average velocity of 17 miles. Against this power of his only five effective ships was 10,111 tons, 11,200 horse-power, 76 guns, very short of rapid-fire; 1875 men and maximum speed of 12 miles.

The admiral describes in vivid language the terrible effect of the American onslaught on the Spanish vessels. He says: The Americans fired most rapidly. There came upon us numerous projectiles, as the three cruisers at the end of the line devoted themselves almost entirely to fighting the Cristina, my flagship. A short time after the action commenced, one shell exploded in the forecastle and put out of action all those who served the four rapid-fire cannon.

"Meantime another shell exploded in the orlop deck, setting fire to the crew's bags. At 7:30 one shell destroyed completely the steering gear, another destroyed the mizzen, bringing down my flag and ensign. Another shell exploded on the poop and put out of action nine men. A fresh shell exploded in the officers' cabin, covering the hospital with blood, destroying the wounded who were being treated there. Another exploded in the ammunition room. I had to flood the magazine when the cartridges began to explode. One large shell penetrated the fire room, putting out of action one master gunner and 12 men serving the guns; another rendered useless the starboard bow gun, and, while the fire increased astern, another fire started forward from another shell. The boardside guns continued firing until there were only one gun and one seaman remaining unhurt for serving them. The ship being out of control, the hull, smoke pipe, and mast riddled with shot, or confused with the cries of the wounded, among whom were seven officers, I gave the order to sink and abandon the ship before the magazines exploded."

The story of the loss of the Castella was substantially the story of the loss of all the other Spanish ships, and Admiral Montijo sums up his account with this statement:

"The inefficiency of the vessels which composed my little squadron, the lack of all classes of personnel, especially master gunners and seamen gunners, the ineptitude of some of the provisional machinists, the scarcity of rapid-fire cannon, the strong crews of the enemy and the unperfected character of the greater part of our vessels all contributed to make much more decided the sacrifice which we made for our country, and to render the possibility of the horrors of a bombardment of the city of Manila, with the conviction that with the scarcity of our forces against the superior enemy we were going to certain death and could expect a loss of all our ships. Our casualities, including those of the arsenal, amounted to 381 men killed and wounded."

An evidence of the strategy exhibited by the navy department in sending reinforcements to Dewey is shown in a dispatch of June 27, informing him of the coming of the Monadnock. Probably with a view to preventing him from falling into a trap, she was not dispatched directly to Manila, but was ordered to a point 600 miles due east from Cape Engano, where she was to meet one of Dewey's ships.

Apparently the first suggestion of the organization of the 'flying' squadron which was to divert Admiral Camara's squadron from its voyage to Manila came from Dewey, for in a dispatch of June 27, he says: "In my judgment if the coast of Spain is threatened the squadron of the enemy will have to return," and that was exactly what happened.

The report of the operations of the north Atlantic fleet comprises the larger part of the printed matter. Most of the facts have already appeared, but there is an interesting exchange of letters between Secretary Long and Admiral Sampson, showing that even before the outbreak of the war, the admiral had worked out a complete plan for the immediate reduction of Havana with his own squadron, unsupported, and was only prevented from carrying out that plan by orders from the department, which wished to protect the big ironclads.

There is a lively report from Captain Sigsbee of the engagement between the St. Paul, under his command, and the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror, which resulted in the flight of the latter in a sinking condition into the harbor, where she was run aground to prevent her from sinking. Captain Folger of the cruiser New Orleans testifies to the damage done by the shot of the St. Paul, repeating the testimony of an English resident of San Juan, who examined the Terror.

An unpublished report up to this time is one of Admiral Schley, dated June 1, giving an account of the bombardment by his fleet of the fortifications of Santiago, the day before Sampson arrived on the scene. The report says in part:

"None of our vessels were struck, although the shots fell over and around them. I have learned from the insurgents that the Reina Mercedes was struck by a shell and eight men were killed; also that a number of shots struck the Morro. The reconnaissance developed the fact that the Spanish vessels are in the harbor, and that the fortifications are well provided with long-range guns of large calibre."

IN WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY.

Sad Sequel to Domestic Troubles of the Marchioness of Donegal.

London, Dec. 22.—Miserably clad and apparently in acute destitution, the Marchioness of Donegal applied yesterday for admittance to the Great Northern hospital, from which place she was removed to the Islington workhouse infirmary. She explained that she was homeless and not willing to communicate with her wealthy friends, or with her husband, who is suffering from pneumonia.

The story of the life of the marchioness is painful. She left her husband in 1873, and in 1889 instituted separation proceedings, at which counter charges of misconduct were made. Unsavory details of their conjugal life were also bandied about. The marchioness failed to obtain alimony and has since received assistance from her friends. In May last she broke her leg in a hotel elevator and was taken to a hospital.

The marquis has had a troubled financial career. He was declared a bankrupt in 1880, with liabilities estimated at £518,815. He then said he considered he was justified in raising half a million of money, in view of the fact that he had prospects of succeeding to an estate of £50,000 a year. But, owing to the entail, he only succeeded to £180 a year. He was mixed up in financial flotation this year, when he lent his name to a company prospectus, which caused The Star to criticise him as "a peer with a record of disgracing the order to which he belonged."

THE SPANISH CABINET CRISIS.

London, Dec. 22.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard says: Much surprise is expressed that Senor Sagasta should be seeking a rather compromising alliance with the Weyler party. It is supposed that his idea is to compensate for the loss of some 30 senators and 60 deputies who seceded with Senor Camazo, the leader of the discontented Liberals. General Weyler is coming here to confer with the premier, who is expected to accept also the advances of Senor Robledo and Senor Canalejas. This political trimming may prolong the existence of the cabinet, but many influential Liberals absolutely decline to accept the suggested allies, while the Conservatives refuse to believe that the queen regent will consent to such a solution of the grave crisis.

HARRISON TOO PREVIOUS.

Havana, Dec. 22.—It now appears that the raising of the Stars and Stripes over Fort Atares Tuesday by Major Harrison was a surprise to both the United States and the Spanish military commissioners. The American commissioners had agreed that no American flags should be raised until Jan. 1. Major Harrison did not know this, and, when told to occupy the fort with a detachment of the First North Carolina regiment, he promptly raised the flag. Nevertheless, though it flies in full sight of the harbor and city, the Spaniards have not complained, and it has not been ordered down.

GERMANY ALONE CONCERNED.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The North German Gazette, in announcing that the imperial meat inspection bill is now ready to be submitted to the bundesrath, says: The introduction of a uniform system of inspection has long been contemplated and is purely a German affair with which we alone are concerned.

SENTENCED FOR BURGLARY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Mishawaka, Ind., Dec. 21—Frederick Von Hartmann, aged 27, son of Baron Von Hartmann, of Cologne, Germany, has been sentenced to five years in the state prison by Judge Buck of Kalamazoo county for burglary.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, impart strength and vigor.

BILLERICA.

The Billerica friends of Mr. George Gregg of Waltham are grieved to learn of his illness and hope for his speedy recovery.

The social supper given at the Orthodox church on Wednesday eve of last week was much enjoyed by many from other societies, who shared the cordial feast of viands as well as of reason and the happy flow of friendliness as well as the "flow of soul."

The young ladies of the town enjoy their embroidery club and artistic work is being done by them.

The whist club met with Mrs. Beck of South Billerica this week.

Deacon King, who unfortunately both dislocated and fractured his wrist recently, is said to be doing well. Neither the inconvenience nor the suffering has daunted his energy and activity.

There was present in the congregation at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the venerable Mrs. William Blanchard, and the circumstance was notable, as the day had brought to her the 87th anniversary of her birth. Many gave cordial greeting to her, and Rev. Mr. Simons spoke from the pulpit fitting words of congratulations for her presence with us as a renewal of her old-time association with the place of worship.

Next Sunday there will be the observance of a Christmas communion service. In the evening the Sunday school will hold a Christmas concert.

On Saturday evening, December 24th a Christmas festival for the Sunday school children and their friends will be given in the vestry of the Unitarian church, beginning promptly at 6.30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Benevolent circle, which met on Thursday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Hawes, was well attended. There was a pleasant, social evening. Local charities are receiving laudable attention by this circle.

At the next regular meeting in January of the Women's Alliance, it is expected Rev. M. O. Simons will give a talk.

The schools in town will have a week's vacation at Christmas.

The Young People's Religious union, announcing the Heritage meeting on Forefathers' Day, at the First church in Boston, received cordial acceptance. For the church in Billerica, Mrs. Frederick S. Clark was chosen reception committee for the delegates. Rev. Mr. Simons prepared a sketch of the church history.

The sad tiding of the tragic death of the well known musical instructor, Fred L. Dinan, was received with feelings of great sorrow by his many Billerica friends.

POPE LEO'S VIEWS

Would Have the United States Generous.

NOBLE SENTIMENTS OF THE HOLY FATHER.

All Earth's Children God's Children.

CORONER'S JURY REPORTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 21.—The coroner's jury, which has been conducting an inquest upon the death of Mrs. Laura M. Moses at North Pembroke, Dec. 3, re-entered a verdict this morning that deceased came to her death as the result of a wound from a bullet from a revolver discharged by some person or persons unknown.

E. A. HITCHCOCK

Nominated for Secretary of the Interior.

IS NOW AMBASSADOR TO TO RUSSIA.

A California Man is Also Placed.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The president today nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri to be secretary of the interior. F. W. Johnson of California to be register of the land office, at Marysville, Cal.

Mr. Hitchcock is at present ambassador to Russia. He was appointed minister more than a year ago and when the rank was raised to an embassy he was reappointed.

FROM THE PORTLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Highland Light, Mass., Dec. 21.—Keeper Lewis of Nauset Lighthouse found the body of a man on the shore early this morning. It is thought to be one of the Portland victims uncovered from its burial place in the sand by yesterday's storm. The body was in very bad condition.

INDICTED FOR PERJURY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 21—The grand jury of Hampshire county today returned indictment for perjury against Louis Warner, former treasurer of the Hampshire County Savings bank, who is at present under indictment for embezzlement. The trial on the embezzlement charges will begin December 27.

MICHAEL BURKE DROWNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Michael Burke was seized with a fit while on the New England Fish company's wharf here this forenoon, and falling into the water, was drowned.

PETER BROUSSEAU DROWNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 21.—Peter Brousseau and Louis Chaput, boys, were sliding on Hebronville pond this forenoon when the ice broke. Chaput was saved, but Brousseau drowned before he could be reached.

IN CONGRESS.

Few Members Attended To-day's Session.

Bailey's Resolution Adopted Without a Division—Favorable Report on Bill to Provide a Government for Hawaiian Islands.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—There were less than fifty members on the floor of the house today.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal, Mr. Henderson (Rep. Iowa), from the committee on rules reported back favorably the Bailey resolutions directing the Judiciary Committee to investigate and report upon the question as to whether the members of the house who had accepted commissions in the army during the late war, had by so doing vacated their seats in the House. He asked for immediate consideration and the resolution was adopted without division.

Mr. Wheeler (Dem. Ala.), Mr. Colson (Rep. Ky.), Mr. Robbins (Rep. Pa.), and Mr. Campbell (Dem. Ill.), are the members of the house who volunteered for the Spanish-American war. None of them was present when the investigation was ordered today.

The bill reported from the ways and means committee authorizing the shipment in bond of reported merchandise in less than car lots, was passed.

Some miscellaneous business of minor importance, was transacted.

The speaker announced the resignation of Mr. Alexander of New York, from the committee on civil service and census, and his appointment on the river and harbor committee.

At 1.05 p. m., the house adjourned under the joint resolution, until noon, January 4, 1899.

IN THE SENATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—At the opening of today's session of the senate, Mr. Cullom (Ill.), reported favorably from the committee on foreign relations, the bill to provide a government for the Hawaiian Islands.

On behalf of Mr. Carter (Mont.) who was absent, Mr. Chandler offered a resolution providing for the distribution of the appropriations bills among the several standing committees of the senate and so amending the existing rules of the senate as to make such distribution possible. The resolution together with the necessary formal notice of an intention o to attempt to amend the rules, was referred to the committee on rules. The senate then adjourned to January 4.

FIRE IN ANDOVER

Blaze Broke Out in the Big Mill.

THE LOSS WILL REACH $30,000.

Many Persons Thrown Out of Work.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

North Andover, Mass., Dec. 21.—Fire broke out at 6.20 o'clock this morning on the attic floor of the North Andover mill here. The flames spread so rapidly on the upper floors that the local fire department could not cope with it and Lawrence was called upon for assistance. The fire was under control at 9 o'clock and had been confined to the two upper stories upon which were located the mule spinning, card and waste rooms. Other departments on the lower floors were thoroughly wetted down. The loss is estimated at $30,000; fully insured. The mill is a four-story brick structure with attic, 49x176 feet, and is owned by the heirs of the Eben Sutton estate. William Sutton of Salem is the treasurer of the company. The fire will throw about 135 operatives out of work.

REPAIRING THE CABLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 21.—The cable steamer Minia sailed this morning to resume work on the Anglo-American cable, which was broken during the gale, Nov. 27th. The ends of the cable already have been picked up and buoyed.

SENOR SAGASTA.

WILL HOLD A CONFERENCE WITH SENOR MONTERO RIOS TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—Senor Sagasta, the premier, is in better health today but he is still confined to his room. He will confer with Senor Montero Rios today.

Many generals and politicians have called upon Marshal Blanco, the former captain general of Cuba who will be received by the Queen Regent during the course of the day.

AN ELECTION TROUBLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 21.—Advices received here from Samoa, under date of December 16, say there is serious trouble in connection with the election of a king to succeed the late King Malietoa. The supporters of Mataafa have become warlike and it is reported that the German consul is supporting Mataafa.

LOSS IS $50,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Malden, Mo., Dec. 21.—Fire yesterday destroyed 25 business houses and two residences. The fire originated in the rear of the Sexton Merchandise company's block, which was owned by the Jerome Hill cotton company of St. Louis. It is believed to have been of incendiary origin. Total loss is about $50,000.

104 YEARS OLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 21.—Martha Leonard died in Dighton yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, in the 104th year of her age.

FRANK FOSS INDICTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 21.—The United States court grand jury brought in two indictments this noon against Frank E. Foss, ex-postmaster at Hill, for the embezzlement of United States funds. Foss pleaded not guilty on both counts. His bail was reduced from $5,000 to $3,000 and he will be tried at the March term.

A BIG SENSATION

In the Standard Oil Investigation.

OFFICIALS KNEW OF THE COURT'S DECISION

Before It Had Been Given Out.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—Developments of a sensational nature in the Standard Oil investigation came to light today when Attorney General Monnett began taking depositions for the purpose of proving that the Standard Oil company, just previous to the issuance of a recent order by the supreme court, that the books of the company be produced in evidence, had destroyed a large number of its books.

Upon the strength of information received by the attorney general from reliable business men and attorneys that it could be proved that the Standard Oil company had burned a lot of its books, journals, ledgers and other valuable books, the state served notice upon the Standard Oil company that depositions would be taken before a notary in the office of Attorney Harry C. Mason in this city today.

During the investigation of the Standard Oil Trust before Commissioner Brinsmaid, a few weeks ago, the Standard Oil company refused to produce its books in evidence. The matter was taken to the supreme court and on Dec. 7, that court ordered the Standard Oil company to produce its books covering the period from 1892 to 1897, to show whether the Standard Oil company had paid dividends during that time to the holders of the trust certificates. Previous to the decision of the supreme court, Virgil P. Kline, attorney for the Standard Oil company spent several days at Columbus and it is alleged that he received information beforehand in regard to the court's decision and at once notified the officials of the Standard Oil company. Attorney General Monnett expects to be able to prove that the officials of the Standard Oil company destroyed their books three or four nights before the supreme court ordered F. B. Squire, secretary of the company, to produce the company's books in evidence.

GENEROUS OFFER.

TO RAISE $10,000 FOR SOLDIERS MONUMENT.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 21, 1898.

To the Editor of The Sun—

I am very much interested in the agitation for a monument in respect to the memory of those losing their lives in the late war, and I trust that Mr. Rose's ideas will prevail. Now here is an opportunity to make an excellent move in the interest of the city as well as the object mentioned. Let the triangular piece of land fronting the new post office, upon which is located Burbeck's restaurant be purchased and turned into a public square and in the centre erect the monument. The location is superb and the monument there placed will be a great credit to all interested and add much toward beautifying our city. For this purpose if located as indicated, I will guarantee to raise a subscription of ten thousand dollars. I trust that Mr. Rose will push the matter forward as rapidly as possible. Real estate can be secured now at a low price.

AMERICAN.

MILLS WILL START.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Blackstone, Mass., Dec. 21.—The large woolen mill here bought by William Fletcher of Providence last spring, is to be started very soon. The factory is one of the largest in this vicinity and will employ 300 hands. It has been shut down for several years.

GENERAL MILES

Testified Before War Investigating Commission.

He Gave His Evidence in Unhesitating Way—Had Shafter Acted Right the Army Would Have Been Better Supplied.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Lieut. Col. Miley, Gen. Shafter's chief of staff, testified before the war investigating commission today concerning the Santiago campaign, told the positions of the lines of the two armies before Santiago and said the Spanish lines were so conspicuous that there was no necessity for any reconnoissance to determine them. He said there was no doubt that there were Spanish sharpshooters between the Spanish and American lines, but he was unable to find a single instance of Spanish sharpshooters firing on our hospitals in the rear or of their firing on our flanks. He spoke of the two mile range of the Spanish rifles and describing the American position on San Juan hill, said it would have been far more dangerous for the men to have been a half mile in the rear than to remain where they did.

General Miles took the stand next. "Are you willing to be sworn?" he was asked.

"I think," was the reply, "that I can tell the same story as if I was sworn."

He said when the transports were loaded it was found impossible to put more than 15,000 men aboard and they were equipped as well as possible under the circumstances. "It was most fortunate," he said "that the transports had good weather. If they had encountered a severe storm the loss of life or the suffering at least, must have been fearful. As it was, with fair weather, the men below, crowded in with the mules and supplies, could get on deck which would have been impossible otherwise."

"The commissary stores taken, he said, were sufficient, but the medical supplies were inadequate. He had left the loading, except for general directions, to the corps commander, Gen. Shafter. He found just before sailing that there were a number of pontoon boats being taken which would be utterly useless for the purpose and he himself had secured two barges from the owners there and had taken other steps but the supply of such boats taken was very inadequate. "The expedition," he continued "should have been furnished with launches, naphtha or steam, or tugs for towing barges from the ships to the shore. We relied largely on the engineer officers and the engineer department for these. In the second expedition to Porto Rico these were furnished but they arrived too late to render much assistance."

He said that before the first fleet sailed from Tampa estimates had been definitely made of the number of boats to be furnished the transports and the number to be furnished by the navy to assist. The most cordial assistance, he added, had been promised on the part of the navy. At Santiago the supply of tentage and food was very limited.

General Miles said the transportation facilities were used to carry supplies to some 15,000 or 20,000 refugees from Santiago and about 5,000 Cuban troops. "This," he stated in answer to a question, "was not expected, because I had cautioned General Shafter to keep the men away from the natives and out of the Spanish buildings of every character. Had he not done as he did, the army would have been much better supplied."

His army in Porto Rico, he said, had been supplied in a way with quartermasters' and commissary stores but not in the best way. At Porto Rico, he had asked that fixed rations be sent but instead they were sent down in bulk, without invoices or bills of lading, and in many instances stores were spoiled in the hold and thrown away. This caused great embarrassment and loss of stores and deprived troops of food and he asserted the scarcity of food largely caused the distress of the troops. He had advised against the shipping of beef to Porto Rico, both because there was abundance of it on the island as well as his belief that it was defective. He characterized the refrigerator beef, of which there were 327 tons sent as "embalmed beef" and said the canned fresh beef, of which 198,000 pounds had been shipped there, was condemned by officers whose commands used it.

"Who fixed that beef as an army ration?"

"You'll have to ask some one here in Washington. You had better ask the secretary of war or commissary general. It was sent as food. If they had not taken that they would have had to go hungry. If they had sent paymasters down there, as I asked, we could have bought food, but they did not do that."

General Miles suggested that the food was sent to his large army under pretense of an experiment.

THE FEDERATION

Re-Affirms Former Declarations on Bi-Metallism.

RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Delegates Have Started for Home.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—The delegates of the 18th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, have left for their homes. One of the last acts of the convention was the adoption by a practically unanimous vote of the following resolution introduced by Max Morris of Denver, Col.:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this convention that the action of this body in substituting for the resolution of John Kirby concerning the gold standard a resolution re-affirming all the former declarations of the American Federation of Labor relating to the principle of bi-metallism, does not in any degree mean the abandonment of that principle by the American Federation of Labor, but means that it is so strongly intrenched in the labor movement that it is not necessary at this time to debate the question."

YALE'S FUNDS.

IN NO WAY INVOLVED BY THE FAILURE OF MASON & CO.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21.—The report to the effect that Yale University was involved in the bankruptcy of the firm of Mason & Co., of which the late Edward G. Mason was the head, was called to the attention of President Dwight today. The president admitted that certain loans had been negotiated by the college through Mason & Co., but he felt sure that they were satisfactory and that the funds of the university were in no way involved by the failure.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Threatening weather; probably light rain tonight; cloudy Thursday; variable winds.

The Glenmore club will hold its second annual sociable in Prescott hall on Dec. 23.

PILGRIM HAS NOT DOCKED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 21—The Fall River line at 1 o'clock this afternoon stated that the Pilgrim, which should have docked early in the day, had not put in an appearance, but she is probably anchored in Long Island Sound, on account of the dense fog.

DAMAGED BY FIRE

Two Blocks in Greenfield Were Burned.

SCHOOL HOUSE WAS ALSO DAMAGED.

The Loss Will be About $10,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 21.—Two blocks in the business part of the village of Conway were burned early this morning and the schoolhouse was damaged. One of the burned buildings, a two-story wooden block, owned by A. Lawrence of Haydenville, contained the residence of Dr. C. W. Clough and the doctor and his family narrowly escaped with their lives. On the ground floor Harvey Townsend, general merchant; Frank Cook, bicycle and stove dealer and another occupant, lost most of their stock. The second building was also of wood and was occupied by Germain & Cook's mill; P. C. Foote, undertaker, and cabinet worker, and as a residence by Mr. Foote. The absence of wind prevented the destruction of the greater part of the village. The total loss is estimated at $10,000.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Montreal, Dec. 21—The Greenshields block, which was burned last night, was one of the finest warehouses and office buildings in the Dominion. It was six stories high and built of stone. Messrs. Greenshields and company's loss will probably reach $500,000, fully covered by insurance. The building of Duncan, McIntire & Sons wholesale dry goods store, was valued at $200,000. They carried a stock valued at $550,000. Both buildings with their contents were totally destroyed.

PRINCE GEORGE'S ARRIVAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Canea, Crete, Dec. 21.—Prince George of Greece, the High Commissioners of the Powers, arrived at Suda Bay today, escorted by the British, French, Russian and Italian flagships.

PURITAN OVERDUE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 21.—The Fall River line steamer Puritan, which left New York at her usual time last night was 11 hours overdue at 1 o'clock this afternoon and it is believed the delay is due to fog.

CONTINENTAL HALL BURNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 21.—Fire destroyed the Continental Hat building in Paterson, N. J., today, causing a loss of $80,000; fully insured.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:11; sets, 4:16.
Moon sets—3:14 a. m.
Full sea—7:30 a. m.; 8:15 p. m.

Rain may be expected in New England, the middle and north Atlantic and lake regions, Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys. The weather will clear in the south Atlantic and east gulf states, and will be generally fair in all other districts.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.

We have our usual large assortment of dolls, toys, sleds, skates and fancy china ware. Dickson Bros., the big Tea dealers, 68 Merrimack St.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of nice prayer books, all prices. Pearl rosaries, cases, statues, sanctuary lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present, at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

LOCAL NEWS.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred Cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins, 223 Central street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 439-4.

For your Christmas dinner call at the Merrimack square market.

Steinert's Mammoth Music Store open every evening this week.

Fairburn's market at Merrimack square is the place to get bargains.

To realize the heat in coal, buy some of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike St.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens for sale at Miss Hurd's school, 31 Hildreth Building.

Banjos, guitars, mandolins for Christmas. W. E. Stratton, 14 Hildreth building.

Bargains in unredeemed Diamonds, from $20.00 up. Can't duplicate them in New England. Harris, 10 Appleton St.

President George H. Taylor anticipates being absent for a week before assuming the new dignity of alderman.

It has come—the need for that coal. Rourke & Sullivan will furnish you the very best. 91 Gorham street, and 223 Central street.

A course of shorthand for your daughter would make a fine Christmas gift. Obtain it at Miss Hurd's school. First class in all respects.

Winter term begins January 2nd at Miss Hurd's school. Shorthand and typewriting exclusively taught by the latest and most improved methods.

If you are in doubt what to do for your son or daughter for Christmas, why not give them a course of shorthand and typewriting at Miss Hurd's school? Nothing will yield you better returns.

Col. Barrett, whose death resulted from a fall from a third story window in Concord, Mass., was well known in Lowell and was a guest of Old Middlesex chapter, S. A. R., this week at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neale on Beacon street.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The postponed race at Long Meadow which was scheduled for yesterday afternoon was not trotted, owing to the unfavorable condition of the track.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Hon. J. W. Fairbanks of Boston gave a lecture last night at the High school hall under the auspices of the Frederic T. Greenhalge debating society. He told the story of Marcus Whitman and the development of the great northwest. Illustrated with good lantern slides. It was an entertaining and instructive talk, especially valuable to young students of American history, and was full of the spirit of patriotism. Every patriotic sentiment was heartily cheered by the young people in the audience.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

One day last week, Mr. S. A. Brigham, the veteran depotmaster at the Middlesex street station, while giving instructions to his men in reference to transferring some baggage, was struck on the head by a falling trunk from one of the baggage trucks, inflicting a very ugly scalp wound, which required several stitches. Mr. Brigham reported for duty next day, feeling not much the worse from the effects of the blow and has been receiving congratulations from his many friends for escaping a very serious accident.

NORTH BILLERICA.

It is announced by the school committee that the public schools will close on Friday, the 23d, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 2d, of the new year. Christmas trees will add interest to the closing exercises at the Kindergarten and Talbot schools. There will be a tree and supper at the Baptist church, Saturday evening and a concert appropriate to Christmas on Sunday evening. The post office will soon be transferred to the new building erected by the Talbot mills company.

The Christmas sale by the ladies of the First Baptist church and the entertainment in the evening given by the young people of the North Billerica Baptist church on December 15th, was an occasion of much success. The program of the entertainment consisted of chorus by all; song, selected, Mr. James Ritchie; recitation, Miss Sarah Balmforth; solo and chorus, Mr. S. Stott; chorus by all; duet, Miss A. Wain and Mr. A. Ellis; reading, Miss M. E. Stott; solo, Mr. Arthur Ellis; harmonica and piano duet; closing chorus "Good Night".

SCHOOL AND HOME.

VALUABLE TALK TO MOTHERS AND TEACHERS AT THE CLUB.

Before the education department of the Women's club, yesterday, Miss Margaret Warner Morley of Boston, an experienced educator, spoke to mothers and teachers on the subject, "The Renewal of Life: How and When to Tell the Story to the Children." The subject was handled in a dignified manner and the right of every child to definite, pure and correct teaching on the subject of the important functions of life was strongly insisted upon by the speaker. The topic was technically considered and the opportunity to ask questions was improved in a thoughtful manner by several of the ladies present.

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HE WAS KNOWN

Charles Sullivan of Manchester, N. H.

WHO DIED ON A TRAIN YESTERDAY.

Was a Prosperous Business Man There.

The many Lowell friends of Charles Sullivan, one of Manchester's best known men were grieved when news was received in this city of his death which took place on Tuesday morning of pulmonary phthisis. Mr. Sullivan had been ailing for a few years and early last spring removed to Southern Pines, N. C., on the advice of his physician with the hope of recuperating from the effects of the dread disease. John Collins, the father-in-law of the dead man, visited the south last week with the intention of returning with the invalid, who did not show signs of gaining health in that clime. They left Southern Pines on Sunday and Mr. Sullivan showed no signs of weakening until they had reached Massachusetts, when he grew weaker and shortly after the train left Nashua, he rapidly sank and passed away in the arms of Mrs. Sullivan, who had gone to North Carolina in company with her husband. At the Manchester passenger station a large number of friends had gathered to greet him and they were much shocked at hearing the sad news of his death.

Charles Sullivan was born in Montpelier, Vt., thirty-three years ago and received his education in St. Michael's parochial school of that town, from which he graduated. At the close of his school career he entered the employ of a large grocery firm, which position he held until he removed to Manchester thirteen years ago. He then entered the employ of William, familiarly known as "Billy" Hurd on Manchester street, Manchester, as clerk and was afterwards associated with William Hayes on Central street in the Queen City, filling a like position. In December, 1891, together with his partner, Michael Lawlor, he opened a cafe on Nutfield Lane, also in Manchester, which business he was associated with up to the time of his death.

He was a popular member of the Moose club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Manchester and was well known throughout New England racing circles, being a prominent horseman and a particular friend of the late Thomas J. McLaughlin who was buried in Lowell yesterday. Mr. Sullivan is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mary Regina of Manchester, who accompanied him on his last trip, and a mother, Mrs. Sullivan of Lincoln, Neb.; five brothers, John of Boston, Timothy of Chester, Vt., William of Omaha, Fred of Lincoln, Neb., Edward of Manchester. He also leaves four sisters, all residing at Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Sullivan, the widow of the young man, is nearly prostrated with grief and she has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

KENWOOD.

The pupils at the Kenwood school, under the direction of the efficient and popular teacher, Miss Whitford, devoted a part of Tuesday to musical and literary exercises appropriate to Christmas. The following highly interesting program was carried out:

Magic lantern exhibition; song, "O Kenwood School," written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue; song by school, "We Are Happy Fairies;" recitation, Coburn Fife; recitation, "A Little Schemer," Minnie Irvin; song, "Christmas Soldiers," by school; recitation, "O, That Christmas Stocking," James Farley; song, "Happy Christmas" Katie and Annie Farley; dialogue by primary class, led by Louisa Selsam; recitation in costume, by Beatrice Jeffcock, "In Imitation Japanese;" song by Kate and Anne Farley; recitation by Anthony Irvin; dialogue, "Adaptation from Little Women;"—Mrs. March, Amy Goodhue; Meg, Kate Farley; Joe, Anne Farley; Amy, Emma McLeon; Billie, Beatrice Jeffcock; recitation, Charles McLeon; song, "O Christmas Tree," by school; Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Mr. Vinal; distribution of presents; duet, Jewsharp and harmonica, Mr. Will Irvin and Mr. Jones; phonograph; A song which was sung by the school was written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue of Kenwood.

UNAUTHORIZED.

It is learned that a young woman is going about the Highlands soliciting 25 cents or a doll for the women's branch of the People's club, to be given away at Christmas time. This is wholly unauthorized. The Christmas work of the club is done without begging, and no one is permitted to solicit gifts in its behalf. The holiday enterprise of the women's branch is carried on without ostentation and the public is not asked to help as all the work is done by the girls who frequent the club rooms in the Swan building.

AT DAY NURSERIES.

The annual Christmas gatherings will be held at the Day Nurseries, 64 Kirk street and on First street, Centralville, upon the afternoon and evening of December 24th.

There will be Christmas trees with gifts for the children and supper will be served for the little ones and their friends.

Contributions of toys and fancy articles for the trees, or supplies of any kind for the tables are most earnestly solicited, and can be left at either nursery house at any time during the present week.

WILL BEGIN JANUARY 3.

The January circuit term of the supreme court of New Hampshire for Hillsborough county will be gin in the Manchester court house on Tuesday, January 3. Judges Peaslee and Young will sit and the term is expected to be a very busy one. There are 226 cases marked for the jury. The jury list has been printed and just been distributed.

Miss Edith E. Russell has returned from the Bible Normal College at Springfield.

Mrs. Arthur Blake and son of Taunton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ensley of Weed street.

THE ARMORY BALL

Brilliant Event by Co. G Soldiers.

MANY FAIR DANCERS GRACE OCCASION.

Bugle Calls Add to Romantic Scenes.

The armory last evening, was the scene of a brilliant gathering, it being the occasion of a military party, given under the auspices of Company G, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers. More than 300 couples enjoyed the dancing and there was a continuous scene of gaiety and graceful animation until an early hour this morning.

It was the second military ball held in Lowell since the war and like that of Company C proved a grand social and financial success. It will net the company a neat sum for the purpose of replacing some of the equipment which was rendered unfit for further use in the war.

The orchestra platform was draped with the national colors and rows of potted plants and tropical foliage made it a veritable beauty spot. Immediately above the platform was a mammoth floral spread eagle, the gift of Charles Miles to the company. From 8 to 9 o'clock Hibbard's orchestra entertained with one of its excellent programs, the numbers of which were as follows:

March "U. S. Cruiser Columbia" Bowman
Overture, "Romantic" ..... Keler-Bela
Mazurka Caprice, "Humming Bird" Banard
Fantasie on Hungarian Melodies Toland
Waltz de concert "Louise" ..... Owen

At 9 o'clock the grand march was started. Capt. and Mrs. William Fairweather led the procession and they were immediately followed by Lieut. George S. Howard and Miss Maggie Leckie, Lieut. and Mrs. Lewis G. Hunton, George H. Payne of Company H of Stoneham and Mrs. Fred G. Hunton, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon and Miss Agnes Roy, Corp. William Prescott and Miss Lizzie Fairweather, Quartermaster-Sergt. Frank Boyle and Miss Ellsworth, Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk and Miss Hartford. Lieut. Thos. Livingston of Company C was also in the march as were also several noncoms. and privates in the company including Sergt. Hahn, Sergt. Mitchell, and Corp. Savage.

There were about 150 couples in the march and when it developed into a waltz, there were fully 50 more couples upon the floor and fully 150 spectators in the gallery and around the sides of the hall.

The dance order was an excellent one of 21 numbers and extras with a half hour's intermission at midnight when light refreshments were served by Geo. S. Holl. The officers of the occasion were as follows:

General manager, Capt. William Fairweather; assistants, Lieut. George S. Howard and Lieut. Lewis G. Hunton; floor director, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon; assistant, Corp. William M. Prescott; chief aid, Quartermaster Sergeant Frank A. Boyle; aids, Privates Samuel Busby, John A. Delmore, John J. Gair, William F. Hunt, Joseph F. Murphy, John W. O'Brien, James H. Pearson, Harold L. Young, Eugene R. McCann, Thomas S. Garity, Frank M. Iby, Thos. W. Doyle, Arthur Boucher, John Lowe. Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk was treasurer and Privates J. W. Hall and Frank J. Monroe did efficient work as ticket sellers at the door. Cashmir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, also made himself useful by distributing orders as the guests entered the armory.

BUGLE CALLS.

There were no invited guests. The next military ball will have them though.

Privates McGlynn and Brophy, "the soldier boy twins" were among those present enjoying themselves. Both are now in excellent health.

Everybody was glad to see Armorer Carr around once more, he having recovered from his recent illness.

Cashmir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, received his kindergarten instruction in the art of Terpsichore on this occasion.

Just before the grand march were heard the shrill notes of several military calls. They came from the bugle that was brought back from Porto Rico by Frank V. Parke. Musician Riggs of Company C was the bugler.

Those who did not care to dance were invited to the bowling alleys. The alleys were deserted all the evening.

"S. prockt" Holt was the caterer.

The final order for the muster out of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment was sent from Washington to Boston Tuesday by Adjt.-Gen. Corbin. The members of the regiment will assemble between Jan. 3 and 20 to receive their discharge papers.

The original Company M members as well as those who enlisted to go to the front will meet at the armory tonight. It is expected that a number of appointments to "non-com" positions will be discussed, as there are several vacancies to fill.

First Lieutenant Harding of the provisional company that was organized last summer to take the place of Company M received an honorable discharge from Adjt. Gen. Dalton last night.

Private Poole of Company M has gone to Salt Lake city where his wife and children are living.

Private Frank Parks of Company C, Sixth Massachusetts regiment, will leave Monday for Americus, Ga., to join Company L of the Eighth Massachusetts, which is now encamped there.

On inquiry at the war department, Arthur F. Salmon, the mayor's agent, ascertained that there is not yet any official record of United States soldiers who died in the Spanish war.

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CAPT. WILLIAM FAIRWEATHER, General Manager of the Dance of Co. G, at the Armory Last Night.

PASTOR AND WIFE.

RECEPTION AT UNITARIAN CHURCH LAST NIGHT.

A reception was tendered last evening to Rev. Charles T. Billings, pastor of the Unitarian church, and wife, by the Young People's Fraternity, it being the occasion of the regular monthly meeting of this popular church organization. The vestry was handsomely decorated and Mr. and Mrs. Billings received their friends while standing under a special arrangement of electric lights intertwined with mistletoe and holly. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. The American orchestra furnished music and the evening was one of rare pleasure for all. The decorations were in charge of Miss Beard and the general arrangements in charge of the executive committee. The society announced that Mr. Louis C. Elson of Boston will give a lecture in the church vestry, Jan. 4, on "The History of National Music."

COLLINSVILLE.

THE EMMETT CLUB COMING TO THE FRONT.

The Emmet club will hold its first concert and ball Jan. 16, at Willow Dale. The Emmett and Jolly Eight clubs have been sturdy rivals in social affairs for some time and all the members are striving to make their respective organization's ventures successful. The Jolly Eight held their ball recently and it met with good financial results. Appearances are that the Emmets will meet with even greater success.

TOM McLAUGHLIN

THE LAWRENCE AMERICAN SPEAKS OF HIS DEATH.

Thomas J. McLaughlin, formerly of this city, died Monday noon at the Holiday farm in South Nashua, aged 56 years. Deceased was for many years the proprietor of the Franklin house at Lowell, retiring early in the present year to his farm where he hoped to regain his lost health. He suffered from a complication of diseases. Mr. McLaughlin enjoyed an extensive acquaintance in Lawrence and numbered some of our foremost citizens among his personal friends. Until late years he was a prominent figure on the race tracks of this and other states and has owned several speeders. He was a widower, his wife having died recently. He is survived by a brother and sister.—Lawrence American.

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PITIABLE DESTITUTION.

MOTHER OF TWO SMALL CHILDREN FOUND DYING OF CONSUMPTION.

Police Officer Horace Clements last evening discovered a pitiable case of destitution in a tenement on Warnesit street.

The occupants of the house were a mother, gradually wasting away with consumption and two small children, one three years of age and the other a nursing infant of eight weeks. The woman's name is Maggie McKinley who was employed as a Brussels weaver at the Carset mills until she was forced to relinquish her position on account of her illness. Her husband, she said, has been down east with relatives for some time.

Officer Clements summoned the ambulance and had the family removed to the city farm.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The members of the Epworth league of the Central M. E. church held their sociable last night at the home of Rev. W. H. Meredith, 37 Eleventh street. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. On the committee of arrangements were Misses Ethel B. Paradis and Susan Meredith, Horace J. Paradis, John Hale and John McPhee.

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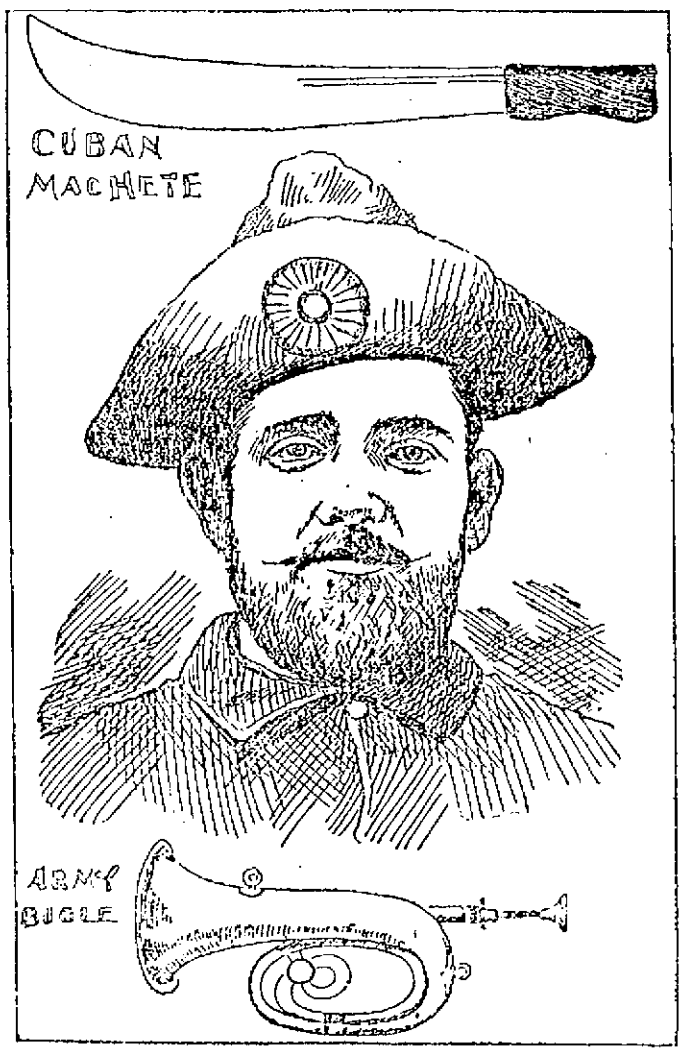
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TREATY OF PEACE

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THE DEMOCRATS WILL VOTE FOR IT.

The Real Contest on Expansion to Follow.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Clark Howell, member of the national Democratic committee from Georgia, and editor of the Atlanta Constitution, after consulting with the leaders of both of the political parties, telegraphed as follows to his paper:

"With the adjournment of congress for the holidays the final decision on the peace treaty is as clear as it will be after a vote has been taken in the senate. Two weeks ago the matter was in doubt; today it is ascertained that the treaty will be ratified as it will be that it has been after the vote has been taken.

"Mr. Bryan has been in Washington for several days and has conferred frequently and freely with the Democratic leaders in both the senate and the house. He has advised ratification of the treaty, and he is outspoken in the opinion that, aside from the question of national obligation, it is a matter of party policy for the Democrats to throw no obstacle in the way of ratification. There are leading Democrats of both the senate and house who less than a week ago were in doubt as to whether or not Democrats should assist in ratifying the treaty; more than that, some of them were outspoken in the opinion that it was perhaps better to reject it. Today, many of these Democratic leaders take open position that the treaty should be ratified, and that it will be no one who has studied the situation from the inside can have any reasonable doubt.

"It must not be understood that the ratification of the treaty will carry with it the assumption that all those who vote affirmatively are in favor of national expansion across the Pacific. Of the senators who will vote in favor of the treaty there will be Republicans as well as Democrats who are opposed in principle, as well as in theory, to the trans-Oceanic expansion of our national domain. They take, however, and very properly, the view that the question of expansion, per se, is not involved in the consideration of the peace treaty, and that after the treaty has been ratified and Spain has been eliminated as a factor in the Philippine problem, it will be time enough to consider the policy to be pursued in dealing with the Philippines, and just here will come the real contest on the question of expansion."

Mr. Howell then says that, after the treaty has been finally disposed of, a resolution will be introduced making a declaration of the proposed policy of this government in dealing with the Philippines, and that this resolution will be framed very much on the basis of the Cuban resolution, adopted coincident with the declaration of war, in which it was declared that the policy of this government would be to give the people of Cuba a free and independent government of their own.

Mr. Howell says: "It is the determination to present a resolution of this kind as a rallying point for the expansion and anti-expansion elements, both Democrats and Republicans, that takes from the consideration of the peace treaty such doubt as might have existed as to the outcome, and which now makes its ratification a foregone conclusion."

Mr. Howell further says that the vote on this proposed resolution will not be confined by any means to party lines, and the outcome is in doubt. A large majority of the Democrats will vote in favor of it, and a large majority of the Republicans will vote against it, but the size of either majority is sufficiently involved in doubt to render exceedingly questionable the final action that will be taken on the resolution."

He says: "The Republicans as a body will favor the ratification of the peace treaty, and will oppose any further action. They will hold that it will be time enough to cross the Philippine bridge when they get to it, and in the meantime the islands should be held under strict military government, and that if in God's own time it is demonstrated that the Filipinos are able to take care of themselves, and desire to maintain a government of their own, it will be time enough for the United States to take up the question and act accordingly."

Mr. Howell's summary concludes as follows: "As the result of the final encounter over the resolution it may be that the country will witness the spectacle of badly severed party lines, and that out of it may be furnished the battle cries around which will be formed the lines of the next presidential fight."

WORK OF CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The absence of a quorum of the senate yesterday saved Senator Proctor's resolution, providing for the appointment of a committee of senators to investigate the conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico during the approaching long recess of congress from decisive defeat. An effort was made by Mr. Daniel of Virginia to obtain consideration of the resolution, but his motion mustered only 8 of the 38 votes cast. No business of importance was disposed of at yesterday's session. Only some routine business, including the passage of a few private pension bills, was transacted.

The last session of the house before the holiday recess lasted but an hour. The Bailey resolution, directing an investigation of the right of the members who volunteered in the Spanish-American war to seats in the house was adopted, and several bills of minor importance were passed.

A NICARAGUAN RESOLUTION.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Morgan yesterday secured the passage by the senate of a resolution authorizing the Nicaraguan canal committee to investigate the alleged efforts to obstruct the construction of the Nicaraguan canal. The resolution follows:

"That the committee on the construction of the Nicaraguan canal is authorized to sit during the recess of the senate or when the senate is in session and to send for persons and papers and administer oaths to witnesses and examine them touching any agreement or combination of any persons or corporations in reference to the proposed canal through the republic of Nicaragua entered into for the purpose of defeating or controlling the construction of such canal for the personal emolument or advantage of such persons or for the benefit of such corporations."

OTIS' WORK SATISFACTORY.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Alger says that Major General Otis has rendered most satisfactory service in command of the military forces in the Philippines, and will be retained in that position. Whether he will be appointed governor general of the archipelago depends upon future events.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS.

Senator McBride introduced a bill providing for the amendment of the bill heretofore introduced for a cable line between the United States and Hawaii so as to make Astoria, Ore., instead of San Francisco, the terminus in this country.

Senator Stewart's bill, granting 2,000,000 acres of land to Nevada for irrigation, was amended by the senate committee on irrigation and reported by Senator Warren. It grants 5,000,000 acres to each of the arid states, the proceeds to be used exclusively for irrigation purposes.

Colonel William P. Hall has been ordered to San Juan for duty as adjutant general of that department.

The postmaster general made the official announcement of the appointment of Major E. C. Rathbun of Ohio, ex-fourth assistant postmaster general, to take charge of and conduct the postal service in Cuba, with the title of director of posts.

CONVICTED UPON TWO COUNTS.

Boston, Dec. 22.—A protracted criminal prosecution came to a close yesterday in the United States circuit court before Judge Brown, when the jury found William S. Jewett, former president and director of the Lake National bank of Wolfboro, N. H., guilty on two counts, each charging him with the wilful misapplication and conversion of certain funds of that institution. The document contained 95 counts, but when the trial began, about two weeks ago, District Attorney Jones nol-prossed all but a few, and of these only seven were elected for the consideration of the jury. The counts upon which the findings were reported were 84 and 95. The first charged money paid A. E. Butler Nov. 1, 1891, for shares of stock. The second charged money paid by the way of dividends of $20 per share on stock held by Jewett and his pledges. The defense has until Feb. 1 next to file a motion for a new trial.

DRUNKEN SOLDIERS' DEED.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 22.—Lucy Thomas and her 4-year-old boy were shot at Eutaw, Ala., yesterday by soldiers of the First Missouri volunteers, who were mustered out at Columbia, Tenn., Tuesday. The child was shot above the left eye, and it is not expected to recover. The mother received a painful wound in the arm above the elbow. The boys were drunk and disorderly, recklessly shooting into every house they passed. The woman and child were standing in the door of their home. The firing was done from the train on which the soldiers were on route home, and was kept up at other places along the line. Governor Jackson of Alabama has offered $100 reward for the arrest and conviction of every man implicated in the shooting.

LIVED 103 YEARS.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 22.—Martha Leonard died in Dighton at the home of her son-in-law. She was born in Lynn June 5, 1796, and married Nathaniel Leonard in 1816, her husband dying in 1885. Early in life she moved to Taunton and later to Somerset, where her husband was in business. After his decease she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Babbitt in Dighton. She had a centennial birthday anniversary in 1896, and at that time her living descendants numbered 51.

A ROYAL WELCOME.

Albany, Dec. 22.—Companies A, B and D, of the First New York volunteer regiment, returned here last night from Honolulu. Although the hour of their arrival was inconvenient and the weather disagreeable, the people turned out en masse, burned red fire by the ton, discharged all manner of fireworks and cheered themselves hoarse in honor of the returning soldiers. The men were met at the station by all the organizations, military and civic, in the city, and escorted to the state armory.

SAFE IN PORT.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 22.—The schooner City of Augusta has arrived here after being out 22 days. The storm of Nov. 27 struck the vessel while being towed up the Delaware river. Owing to the severity of the gale the tow line was dropped and two anchors run out. These were lost and the vessel put to sea. She encountered terrible gales in crossing the gulf stream and was blown south. The vessel successfully weathered the storm and the captain and crew are all safe.

TWO DEATHS RESULTED.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—A bad accident happened on the Worcester and Suburban electric road at the foot of the long hill in Leicester yesterday afternoon. Two cars came together head on, both moving at high speed. One passenger, John Kerrigan, was killed outright, and another, Walter H. Holbrook, died on removal to the hospital. Five others received dangerous injuries. The accident was caused by fog, which made it impossible to see an approaching car.

HAVANA CONTRACT AWARDED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The Drake & Stratton company of Pittsburg has received a contract from the United States government for the construction of a great dock at Havana, Cuba, and a short railroad to Morro castle, costing about $500,000. The company has already dispatched 500 laborers and two ship loads of machinery to the island.



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TO SUCCEED SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Sketch of the New Incumbent.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The president yesterday nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri to be secretary of the interior. The senate promptly confirmed the nomination.



ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK.

Mr. Hitchcock is a prominent business man, who is at present United States ambassador to Russia, appointed by President McKinley in 1897. He is a great-grandson of Colonel Ethan Allen, who captured Fort Ticonderoga. He was born in Mobile in September, 1835, where he remained until 1840, when he moved with his family to Tennessee, remaining there until, after taking an academic course in New Haven, he went to St. Louis in 1851, where he engaged in business. He went to China in 1860. Returning to St. Louis in 1871, Mr. Hitchcock has since been actively engaged in business as president of several large manufacturing and railway corporations.

Secretary Bliss, in an interview, said: "It has been understood for some time that it would be my wish to retire from public life on the conclusion of the war. Now that the peace treaty has been signed, my request to be relieved will be granted, but I shall await the arrival of my successor before severing my connection with the interior department. I have been in most hearty accord with the president in his policy through the trying days in which he sought to avoid war, and while as commander-in-chief he was conducting the war that came notwithstanding his effort to prevent it, I believe most thoroughly in the course he is now pursuing for maintaining the honor of the country by securing the just results of a successful war. I shall leave my associates of the cabinet and of the department and my many friends in Washington with great regret, but private and personal reasons make my retirement a necessity."

GAVE MUCH TO CHARITY.

Atlantic City, Dec. 22.—Colonel Daniel Morris, aged 70 years, who planned the streets of this city and engineered the work of laying the first railroad from Camden to this city, died yesterday. Colonel Morris accumulated over $1,000,000 by investments in real estate, but at the time of his death his fortune is estimated at about $250,000. He had turned over to charitable institutions the greater part of his wealth. In 1880 he organized an independent military company, known as the "Morris Guards." The command enlisted in the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war.

ANOTHER SHOW FOR DREYER.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 22.—The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of E. S. Dreyer of Chicago, reversing the decision of the lower court and remanding the case. Dreyer was sentenced to the penitentiary for embezzlement, the specific charge being that while acting as treasurer of the West Chicago park commission he failed to turn over to his successor $316,000 of park funds. The court holds that the indictment under which Dreyer was tried was technically faulty; also that no legal demand was ever made on him for the funds by his successor in office.

QUEER STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Buffalo, Dec. 22.—A special from Lockport to The News says the law in effect prior to 1822 providing explicitly for the removal of a county treasurer has evidently been repealed and no provision substituted, and therefore County Treasurer Lammeris, now under arrest accused of embezzlement, cannot be ousted from office. In the meantime the county treasury is practically empty and county employes want their pay. Some time must elapse before any money may be had from Lammeris' bondsmen.

SOLDIERS AS AIDES.

New York, Dec. 22.—The appointment of nine aides by Governor-elect Roosevelt from the commissioned officers of the national guard was officially announced yesterday at Major General Roe's headquarters. These appointments mark the beginning of a new departure in the system of nominations for the staff of the governor, under the provisions of the new military code, which provides that 10 at least of the 14 aides allowed to the governor shall be active members of the national guard.

A MENTAL BREAKDOWN.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Press says: Victory Bateman, the actress, last night was placed in the insane pavilion of Bellevue hospital by her mother, Mrs. John T. Burke. The young woman had been showing signs of a mental breakdown for several days, and was gradually approaching the stage of mania. Her symptoms were like those she exhibited in October last in Newark, and in November, when she was playing Roxana in "Cyrano de Bergerac" in Chicago.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP

Has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

OFFICE TO LET—In The Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

WANTED.

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. Apply 612 Central street.

WANTED—500 ladies at once to buy nice trimmed hats at very low prices. Call at once to Mde Maxima Lepine, 307 Mossly street, cor. Race.

WORK WANTED—General housework by the week. Mrs. McCutcheon, 28 Rock street.

AGENTS WANTED—Ladies and gentlemen. New thing, no experience required. If you are not working call and see me between 5 and 7 p. m. at 823 Central street.

MADAME ROYAL, the renowned Western Clairvoyant, Palmist and Business Medium, wishes to announce her arrival in Lowell and has taken parlors in Spaulding's Block, 177 Middlesex street, where she can be consulted on all business matters. Also on all affairs of life. Don't fail to consult the truly wonderful woman as it is your chance of a lifetime. Up one flight. Walk in.

WANTED—Good health. The blooming infant died last fall, wouldn't drink Gloria, that is all. S. Bartlett, 102 Middlesex St., sells Gloria.

LADIES WANTED To attend the Lowell Dress Cutting Schools, opened day and evening. First evening free at 65 Merrimack street, room 16, opposite Dickson Bros.' tea store. Nesmith's Block and 375 Central street, near Queen House. First class dress makers and milliners will be employed for teaching. M. J. Greaves, Principal. Hours from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

LADIES To make sample patches at home; $6 to $10 weekly; no canvassing; reply envelope for particulars and sample. Foster Machine Co., 358 West 26th St., New York.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred L. Lee's Tye House and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 127 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

WANT BLUSH OF YOUTH, soft, delicate skin? Use Necmeli Roman Secret. At all drug stores. A. W. Dow, A. F. Moor, agent for Lowell, corner of Gorham and Appleton streets.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—Lady's gold chain on Palmer street. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying advertisement.

LOST—A plain band ring, with initials on inside, K. H. to M. H. Reward at Sun office.

TO LET.

TENEMENT TO LET of 6 rooms, with bath, hot and cold water, rent $11 per month, at 15 Westford street. Apply on premises.

TO LET—A good tenement for $4.50; also 5 good rooms, due condition for $9.50. Save money by reducing rent. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central st.

DANCE HALL TO LET—Suitable for sleigh ride and trolley parties. All kinds of suppers served on short notice. For further particulars address Thomas Scully, Pine Grove Hotel, P. O. Box 81, Collinsville, Mass.

TO LET—Two square rooms. Inquire at 713 Merrimack street, corner Austin.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop. Inquire Connors Bros., Tremont street.

TO LET—A good office in the Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

TO LET—Rooms with or without board, one large front room on first floor with gas, furnished or unfurnished. Price low. 262 Fayette street.

STORE TO LET—30 Market street.

ROOMS TO LET in The Sun Building. Inquire at The Sun office.

BAY STATE

Dye House

Poverty is no crime, but to be a penny wise and a pound foolish is what most of the people are and if they were not they would not throw their old clothes away when they are not half worn out, and this applies to the ladies as well as gents.

Now what we wish to say is that we know just where you can save dimes and often dollars by bringing your old winter clothing to the

BAY STATE DYE WORKS,
54 Prescott Street.

and when we get done with them they will look almost as good as new. Just give them a trial order and you will feel like thanking us for our advice.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Middlesex ss.

To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of JOHN LEARY, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, DANIEL J. DONOVAN, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the final account of his administration on said estate, and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his hands among the next of kin of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January, A. D. 1899, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing postpaid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

GET IT QUICK.

Cold in the head comes—you know not how, but it comes. The easiest time to cure it is before it has gotten any strength. And the easiest way to cure it is to get

DOWS'
MENTHOL CREAM.

Better get it quick. The quicker, the better. Inhale into the nostrils—it dissolves and expands the air passages. It clears the head and—you're cured.

10cts. tube; 25cts. box. All druggists. A. W. DOWS & CO., Props., Lowell, Mass. (10.)

EMERY LAND

Office Removed to
3 HILDRETH BUILDING

Plots lie near the new Moody street bridge, on the principal streets and avenues with all modern improvements, such as gas, city water, sewers, sidewalks, schools, etc. The location is equal the best in the city, being by actual measurement only 0.25 feet from the corner of Central and Merrimack streets to the Emery land. Over 200 buildings have been built on the Emery land in the last two years. Is not that a good indication of what this property is going to be? Call for plans. Prices low. Terms easy. Wm. H. Emery
M. H. Ryan, 3 Hildreth Building, Old Post Office.

Don't Fail
COME TO
LEGAULT & CO.
Our Reliable Jewelers
THEY SELL
Christmas Presents
At Very Low Prices.
70 Central St. Cor. Prescott.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A first-class restaurant and liquor business, with wholesale department attached, located near new South Union Station, Boston. Address J. A. C., Sun office.

SLEIGHS—I believe I can show the best "Old Comfort Sleigh" and "Business Sleigh" ever shown in Lowell for the money. Also elegant pair of "Japanese Seal" robes, grey and black wolf robes, wagons, as usual. J. F. Libby, 69 Boliddes St.

FOR SALE—A first class confectionery store on one of the principal streets doing a good cigar, tobacco and fruit trade. Owner having other business is obliged to sell. Call at this office.

FOR SALE—Near Wilder and Middlesex streets, 2 story house; all modern improvements. Good location. Price $3100. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street, cottage house of 7 rooms. Price $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—11 acre farm, 7 miles from Lowell, not far from electric. Easy terms; price only $850. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central street.

CALL at 332 Market street to buy or sell second-hand Furniture.

FOR SALE—Near Shaw street, 8 tenement house, good sized lot of land. Price $2300. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Two R I P A N S for 5 cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—All kinds of boarding and lodging houses and at all prices; large and small; corp. and street, at G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c. in stamps for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR SALE—On Varnum avenue, good large house and barn, lots of fruit, 7 acres of land. Price and terms to suit you. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

OWNER IN NEED OF MONEY—A lot of land containing 1900 feet, 60x30, on a 60 foot street, 15 minutes from Centralville bridge. Price $400, also two second-hand furnaces. Inquire at 1128 Bridge street.

MENTHOL CREAM Shampoo is used in all leading hair-dressing and bath parlors in New England. Menthol Cream Shampoo removes dandruff and all humors of the scalp. It contains alcohol, glycerine and menthol. It gives a rich, creamy lather and when used in the bath will remove pimples, etc., leaving the skin clear and soft. 25c. per bottle. Sold by leading druggists.

LADIES—My Monthly Regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. I have never had a single failure; no other doctor can say this. Longest cases relieved in from 3 to 5 days without fail. No pain, no danger, no interference with work; price $2 by mail or at office. Consultation free. All letters truthfully answered. Dr. Tolman Co., 180 Tremont street, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street and city line, 20 acres of land; lots of wood and timber, and lots of good tillage land. Title is a bargain. Price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE LOWELL Cycle Co. will send for your wheel, store and clean it for the winter, 23 Post Office ave.

"A CHRISTMAS PRESENT for father," a Plush Lined Buffalo Robe, at A. H. Cluer's, No. 749 Bridge street.

SIGNS At lowest prices at Bunnell's, 22 Middle street.

RENT PAYS FOR HOME;

WILL BUY or build for you both house and lot; comparatively nothing required down. For particulars call or write AMERICAN INVESTORS' CO., 137 Central St. Lowell. Office hours 2 to 5 p. m.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS

The most useful and durable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each, complete, 25c. Family Printing Outfits from 25c. to $3. Boys' Handy Printer 25c. Everything in the line of RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices.
J. M. FELLOWS, 168 Merrimack St.

James Walsh,

Florist and nursery man, also landscape gardener. Floral designs for all occasions. Choice cut flowers always on hand. Plants, trees, shrubs, etc. Westford street cars pass our conservatories.

CONCRETE paver and dealer in coal, tar and pitch. Orders solicited for putting down sidewalks, garden walks, warehouse and stable floors, street pavements, etc., etc., also asphalt and gravel roofing. 165 Highland Avenue, Lowell, Mass.

LANTERNS
FOR
House, Mill, Stable
Carriage

And out-of-door use. Lantern Globes in white, red and blue. Parts of Lanterns lost or destroyed, furnished.

C. B. COBURN & CO.

63 TO 67 MARKET STREET.

SUFFOLK LOAN CO.
(CORPORATION.)
345 Washington Street, Boston, up one flight.
(Near entrance to Boston Tavern.)
MONEY TO LOAN
At legal rates of interest on diamonds, watches, jewelry, life insurance policies, legacies, shares bonds or any other good security.

Notice,

For the next 15 days A. M. Bertrand, the tailor, will make his $22 Suits for $15; his $25 Suits for $20; his $30 suits for $22. Trousers from $4 upwards. Cleaning, pressing and repairing done at short notice.
A. M. BERTRAND, 24 Middle St.
Few doors from the corner of Central St.

DR. DONEHUE DENTIST ROOMS 6, 7 BLOCK

THE FARRAGUT HOUSE
Henry W. Garrity, Prop.
CENTRAL STREET, LOWELL, MASS.
Opposite Old Boston & Maine Depot.
The house is now under a new management, thoroughly refitted and refurnished, with all the modern improvements, steam heat and electric call bells in each room. Electric cars pass the door every few minutes. Choice cigars in sample room. Special rates to the profession.
M. H. Carey } Clerks } H. Gervais

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN.

We Are Selling Lots of

DOLL SWINGS

In the Toy Department.

and no wonder they are, for we are the cutest thing you can buy for a little girl interested in her dolls, as she can get lots of amusement with it, and amuse her little brother as well for hours. They are made substantially, and so they can be folded up and tucked away in a small corner when not in use, even the largest sizes and prices range from 25c. to 75c. Each.

FOR THE BOYS

We have a full assortment of reliable Iron Toys, such as Engines, Trains, Fire Engines, Patrols and carts of all kinds, they will stand the worst banging and not break. Prices a trifle higher than common toys, but cheaper in the end. At the same time you can remember the mother by getting her a Jardiniere for her flowers. We have a very handsome line from 25c. to $10.00 Each.

A. G. Pollard & Co.

Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Streets.



Look Out for Lower Prices on

POULTRY

The Market Breaking.

Banner Market Grocery

68, 70, 72 Prescott Street,

TEETH

No Charge For Extracting

Every set warranted to be the same teeth that other dentists ask $10 and $15 for, and every set warranted to fit. Gold Filling and Gold Crown work a specialty. Teeth filled with Gold by Electricity. No pain. Teeth Extracted Without Pain by our new method. Thirty years' experience. Artificial teeth without plates, also Rootless Plates. Teeth extracted and replaced the same day as extracted, no need of going without. No Sunday work. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Not open evenings. DR. J. H. BICKELL & SON, Painless Dentists, Rooms 24, 25, 32, Runels' Bld'g, cor. Merr'k & Bridge.

$5 to $10 a Set

IN TRIMMED MILLINERY

The season is now at its height. The styles have reached their full development. The ripened fruit of our best millinery efforts is now laid before you in assortments that any store may justly be proud of, and at prices that are shorn of all fancy profits. We can satisfy your every possible want, for there is practically nothing really desirable in millinery that you will not find on our counters.

For this week we offer some values that fairly sparkle with attractiveness.

HEAD & SHAW, THE MILLINERS,
169 MERRIMACK STREET.

P. F. Devine's Branch, 88 Merrimack Street.

BAGS, TRUNKS, DRESS SUIT CASES

In fact everything the well equipped traveler requires, at special "OPENING" prices. Our Middlesex street store is not abandoned. In both stores a full and complete line of latest style leather goods.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:11; sets, 4:16.
Moon sets—3:14 a. m.
Full sea—7:30 a. m.; 8:15 p. m.

Rain may be expected in New England, the middle and north Atlantic and lake regions, Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys. The weather will clear in the south Atlantic and east gulf states, and will be generally fair in all other districts.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.

We have our usual large assortment of dolls, toys, sleds, skates and fancy china ware. Dickson Bros., the big Tea dealers, 68 Merrimack St.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of nice prayer books, all prices. Pearl rosaries, cases, statues, sanctuary lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present, at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

LOCAL NEWS.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred Cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins, 223 Central street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 439-4.

For your Christmas dinner call at the Merrimack square market.

Steinert's Mammoth Music Store open every evening this week.

Fairburn's market at Merrimack square is the place to get bargains.

To realize the heat in coal, buy some of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike St.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens for sale at Miss Hard's school, 31 Hildreth Building.

Banjos, guitars, mandolins for Christmas. W. E. Stratton, 14 Hildreth building.

Bargains in unredeemed Diamonds, from $20.00 up. Can't duplicate them in New England. Harris, 10 Appleton St.

President George H. Taylor anticipates being absent for a week before assuming the new dignity of alderman.

It has come—the need for that coal. Rourke & Sullivan will furnish you the very best. 91 Gorham street, and 223 Central street.

A course of shorthand for your daughter would make a fine Christmas gift. Obtain it at Miss Hard's school. First class in all respects.

Winter term begins January 2nd at Miss Hard's school. Shorthand and typewriting exclusively taught by the latest and most improved methods.

If you are in doubt what to do for your son or daughter for Christmas, why not give them a course of shorthand and typewriting at Miss Hard's school? Nothing will yield you better returns.

Col. Barrett, whose death resulted from a fall from a third story window in Concord, Mass., was well known in Lowell and was a guest of Old Middlesex chapter, S. A. R., this week at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neale on Beacon street.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The postponed race at Long Meadow which was scheduled for yesterday afternoon was not trotted, owing to the unfavorable condition of the track.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Hon. J. W. Fairbanks of Boston gave a lecture last night at the High school hall under the auspices of the Frederic T. Greenhalge debating society. He told the story of Marcus Whitman and the development of the great northwest. Illustrated with good lantern slides. It was an entertaining and instructive talk, especially valuable to young students of American history, and was full of the spirit of patriotism. Every patriotic sentiment was heartily cheered by the young people in the audience.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

One day last week, Mr. S. A. Brigham, the veteran depotmaster at the Middlesex street station, while giving instructions to his men in reference to transferring some baggage, was struck on the head by a falling trunk from one of the baggage trucks, inflicting a very ugly scalp wound, which required several stitches. Mr. Brigham reported for duty next day, feeling not much the worse from the effects of the blow and has been receiving congratulations from his many friends for escaping a very serious accident.

NORTH BILLERICA.

It is announced by the school committee that the public schools will close on Friday, the 23d, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 2d, of the new year. Christmas trees will add interest to the closing exercises at the Kindergarten and Talbot schools. There will be a tree and supper at the Baptist church, Saturday evening and a concert appropriate to Christmas on Sunday evening. The post office will soon be transferred to the new building erected by the Talbot mills company.

The Christmas sale by the ladies of the First Baptist church and the entertainment in the evening given by the young people of the North Billerica Baptist church on December 15th, was an occasion of much success. The program of the entertainment consisted of chorus by all; song, selected, Mr. James Ritchie; recitation, Miss Sarah Balmforth; solo and chorus, Mr. S. Stott; chorus by all; duet, Miss A. Wain and Mr. A. Ellis; reading, Miss M. E. Stott; solo, Mr. Arthur Ellis; harmonica and piano duet; closing chorus "Good Night".

SCHOOL AND HOME.

VALUABLE TALK TO MOTHERS AND TEACHERS AT THE CLUB.

Before the education department of the Women's club, yesterday, Miss Margaret Warner Morley of Boston, an experienced educator, spoke to mothers and teachers on the subject, "The Renewal of Life; How and When to Tell the Story to the Children." The subject was handled in a dignified manner and the right of every child to definite, pure and correct teaching on the subject of the important functions of life was strongly insisted upon by the speaker. The topic was technically considered and the opportunity to ask questions was improved in a thoughtful manner by several of the ladies present.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, benefit the debilitated.

Dr. Osborn DENTIST 317 MERRIMACK ST.

HE WAS KNOWN

Charles Sullivan of Manchester, N. H.

WHO DIED ON A TRAIN YESTERDAY.

Was a Prosperous Business Man There.

The many Lowell friends of Charles Sullivan, one of Manchester's best known men were grieved when news was received in this city of his death which took place on Tuesday morning of pulmonary phthisis. Mr. Sullivan had been ailing for a few years and early last spring removed to Southern Pines, N. C., on the advice of his physician with the hope of recuperating from the effects of the dread disease. John Collins, the father-in-law of the dead man, visited the south last week with the intention of returning with the invalid, who did not show signs of gaining health in that clime. They left Southern Pines on Sunday and Mr. Sullivan showed no signs of weakening until they had reached Massachusetts, when he grew weaker and shortly after the train left Nashua, he rapidly sank and passed away in the arms of Mrs. Sullivan, who had gone to North Carolina in company with her husband. At the Manchester passenger station a large number of friends had gathered to greet him and they were much shocked at hearing the sad news of his death.

Charles Sullivan was born in Montpelier, Vt., thirty-three years ago and received his education in St. Michael's parochial school of that town, from which he graduated. At the close of his school career he entered the employ of a large grocery firm, which position he held until he removed to Manchester thirteen years ago. He then entered the employ of William, familiarly known as "Billy" Hurd on Manchester street, Manchester, as clerk and was afterwards associated with William Hayes on Central street in the Queen City, filling a like position. In December, 1891, together with his partner, Michael Lawlor, he opened a cafe on Nutfield Lane, also in Manchester, which business he was associated with up to the time of his death.

He was a popular member of the Moose club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Manchester and was well known throughout New England racing circles, being a prominent horseman and a particular friend of the late Thomas J. McLaughlin who was buried in Lowell yesterday. Mr. Sullivan is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mary Regina of Manchester, who accompanied him on his last trip, and a mother, Mrs. Sullivan of Lincoln, Neb.; five brothers, John of Boston, Timothy of Chester, Vt., William of Omaha, Fred of Lincoln, Neb., Edward of Manchester. He also leaves four sisters, all residing at Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Sullivan, the widow of the young man, is nearly prostrated with grief and she has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

KENWOOD.

The pupils at the Kenwood school, under the direction of the efficient and popular teacher, Miss Whitford, devoted a part of Tuesday to musical and literary exercises appropriate to Christmas. The following highly interesting program was carried out:

Magic lantern exhibition; song, "O Kenwood School," written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue; song by school, "We Are Happy Fairies;" recitation, Colorn Elfe; recitation, "A Little Schemer," Minnie Irvin; song, "Christmas Soldiers," by school; recitation, "O, That Christmas Stocking," James Farley; song, "Happy Christmas" Katie and Annie Farley; dialogue by primary class, led by Louisa Selsam; recitation in costume, by Beatrice Jeffcock, "In Imitation Japanese;" song by Kate and Anne Farley; recitation by Anthony Irvin; dialogue, "Adaptation from Little Women;"—Mrs. March, Amy Goodhue; Meg, Kate Farley; Joe, Anne Farley; Amy, Emma McLeon; Lillie, Beatrice Jeffcock; recitation, Charles McLeon; song, "O Christmas Tree," by school; Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Mr. Vinal; distribution of presents; duet, Jewsharp and harmonica, Mr. Will Irvin and Mr. Jones; phonograph; A song which was sung by the school was written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue of Kenwood.

UNAUTHORIZED.

It is learned that a young woman is going about the Highlands soliciting 25 cents or a doll for the women's branch of the People's club, to be given away at Christmas time. This is wholly unauthorized. The Christmas work of the club is done without begging, and no one is permitted to solicit gifts in its behalf. The holiday enterprise of the women's branch is carried on without ostentation and the public is not asked to help as all the work is done by the girls who frequent the club rooms in the Swan building.

AT DAY NURSERIES.

The annual Christmas gatherings will be held at the Day Nurseries, 61 Kirk street and on First street, Centralville, upon the afternoon and evening of December 24th.

There will be Christmas trees with gifts for the children and supper will be served for the little ones and their friends.

Contributions of toys and fancy articles for the trees, or supplies of any kind for the tables, are most earnestly solicited, and can be left at either nursery house at any time during the present week.

WILL BEGIN JANUARY 3.

The January circuit term of the supreme court of New Hampshire for Hillsborough county will be gin in the Manchester court house on Tuesday, January 3. Judges Peaslee and Young will sit and the term is expected to be a very busy one. There are 226 cases marked for the jury. The jury list has been printed and just been distributed.

Miss Edith E. Russell has returned from the Bible Normal College at Springfield.

Mrs. Arthur Blake and son of Taunton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elasley of Weed street.

THE ARMORY BALL

Brilliant Event by Co. G Soldiers.

MANY FAIR DANCERS GRACE OCCASION.

Bugle Calls Add to Romantic Scenes.

The Armory last evening, was the scene of a brilliant gathering. It being the occasion of a military party, given under the auspices of Company G, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers. More than 300 couples enjoyed the dancing and there was a continuous scene of gaiety and graceful animation until an early hour this morning.

It was the second military ball held in Lowell since the war and like that of Company C proved a grand social and financial success. It will net the company a neat sum for the purpose of replacing some of the equipment which was rendered unfit for further use in the war.

The orchestra platform was draped with the national colors and rows of potted plants and tropical foliage made it a veritable beauty spot. Immediately above the platform was a mammoth floral spread eagle, the gift of Charles Miles to the company. From 8 to 9 o'clock Hibbard's orchestra entertained with one of its excellent programs, the numbers of which were as follows:

March "U. S. Cruiser Columbia" ..... Bowman
Overture, "Romantic" ..... Keler-Bela
Mazurka Caprice, "Humming Bird" ..... Banard
Fantasie on Hungarian Melodies ..... Tobani
Waltz de concert "Louise" ..... Owen

At 9 o'clock the grand march was started, Capt. and Mrs. William Fairweather led the procession and they were immediately followed by Lieut. George S. Howard and Miss Maggie Leckie, Lieut. and Mrs. Lewis G. Hunton, George H. Payne of Company H of Stoneham and Mrs. Fred G. Hunton, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon and Miss Agnes Roy, Corp. William Prescott and Miss Lizzie Fairweather, Quartermaster-Sergt. Frank Hoyle and Miss Ellsworth, Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk and Miss Hartford. Lieut. Thos. Livingston of Company C was also in the march as were also several noncoms. and privates in the company including Sergt. Hahn, Sergt. Mitchell, and Corp. Savage.

There were about 100 couples in the march and when it developed into a waltz, there were fully 50 more couples upon the floor and fully 150 spectators in the gallery and around the sides of the hall.

The dance order was an excellent one of 21 numbers and extras with a half hour's intermission at midnight when light refreshments were served by Geo. S. Hall. The officers of the occasion were as follows:

General manager, Capt. William Fairweather; assistants, Lieut. George S. Howard and Lieut. Lewis G. Hunton; floor director, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon; assistant, Corp. William M. Prescott; chief aid, Quartermaster Sergeant Frank A. Boyle; aids, Privates Samuel Busby, John A. Delmore, John J. Gair, William F. Hunt, Joseph F. Murphy, John W. O'Brien, James H. Pearson, Harold L. Young, Eugene R. McCann, Thomas S. Garity, Frank M. Iby, Thos. W. Doyle, Arthur Boucher, John Lowe. Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk was treasurer and Privates J. W. Bull and Frank J. Monroe did efficient work as ticket sellers at the door. Casimir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, also made himself useful by distributing orders as the guests entered the armory.

BUGLE CALLS.

There were no invited guests. The next military ball will have them though.

Privates McGlynn and Brophy, "the soldier boy twins" were among those present enjoying themselves. Both are now in excellent health.

Everybody was glad to see Armorer Carr around once more, he having recovered from his recent illness.

Casimir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, received his kindergarten instruction in the art of Terpsichore on this occasion.

Just before the grand march were heard the shrill notes of several military calls. They came from the bugle that was brought back from Porto Rico by Frank V. Parke. Musician Riggs of Company C was the bugler.

Those who did not care to dance were invited to the bowling alleys. The alleys were deserted all the evening.

"S. procket" Holt was the caterer.

The final order for the muster out of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment was sent from Washington to Boston Tuesday by Adjt.-Gen. Corbin. The members of the regiment will assemble between Jan. 3 and 20 to receive their discharge papers.

The original Company M members as well as those who enlisted to go to the front will meet at the armory tonight. It is expected that a number of appointments to "non-com" positions will be discussed, as there are several vacancies to fill.

First Lieutenant Harding of the provisional company that was organized last summer to take the place of Company M received an honorable discharge from Adjt. Gen. Dalton last night.

Private Poole of Company M has gone to Salt Lake city where his wife and children are living.

Private Frank Parks of Company C, Sixth Massachusetts regiment, will leave Monday for Americus, Ga., to join Company L of the Eighth Massachusetts, which is now encamped there.

On inquiry at the war department, Arthur F. Salmon, the mayor's agent, ascertained that there is not yet any official record of United States soldiers who died in the Spanish war.

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CAPT. WILLIAM FAIRWEATHER, General Manager of the Dance of Co. G, at the Armory Last Night.

PASTOR AND WIFE.

RECEPTION AT UNITARIAN CHURCH LAST NIGHT.

A reception was tendered last evening to Rev. Charles T. Billings, pastor of the Unitarian church, and wife, by the Young People's Fraternity. It being the occasion of the regular monthly meeting of this popular church organization. The vestry was handsomely decorated and Mr. and Mrs. Billings received their friends while standing under a special arrangement of electric lights intertwined with mistletoe and holly. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. The American orchestra furnished music and the evening was one of rare pleasure for all. The decorations were in charge of Miss Beard and the general arrangements in charge of the executive committee. The society announced that Mr. Louis C. Elson of Boston will give a lecture in the church vestry, Jan. 4, on "The History of National Music."

COLLINSVILLE.

THE EMMETT CLUB COMING TO THE FRONT.

The Emmet club will hold its first concert and ball Jan. 16, at Willow Dale. The Emmett and Jolly Eight clubs have been sturdy rivals in social affairs for some time and all the members are striving to make their respective organization's ventures successful. The Jolly Eight held their ball recently and it met with good financial results. Appearances are that the Emmets will meet with even greater success.

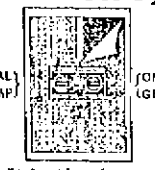
TOM McLAUGHLIN

THE LAWRENCE AMERICAN SPEAKS OF HIS DEATH.

Thomas J. McLaughlin, formerly of this city, died Monday noon at the Holiday farm in South Nashua, aged 56 years. Deceased was for many years the proprietor of the Franklin house at Lowell, retiring early in the present year to his farm where he hoped to regain his lost health. He suffered from a complication of diseases. Mr. McLaughlin enjoyed an extensive acquaintance in Lawrence and numbered some of our foremost citizens among his personal friends. Until late years he was a prominent figure on the race tracks of this and other states and has owned several speeders. He was a widower, his wife having died recently. He is survived by a brother and sister.—Lawrence American.

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PITIABLE DESTITUTION.

MOTHER OF TWO SMALL CHILDREN FOUND DYING OF CONSUMPTION.

Police Officer Horace Clements last evening discovered a pitiable case of destitution in a tenement on Wamesit street.

The occupants of the house were a mother, gradually wasting away with consumption and two small children, one three years of age and the other a nursing infant of eight weeks. The woman's name is Maggie McKinley who was employed as a Brussels weaver at the Carpet mills until she was forced to relinquish her position on account of her illness. Her husband, she said, has been down east with relatives for some time.

Officer Clements summoned the ambulance and had the family removed to the city farm.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The members of the Epworth league of the Central M. E. church held their sociable last night at the home of Rev. W. H. Meredith, 37 Eleventh street. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. On the committee of arrangements were Misses Ethel B. Paradis and Susan Meredith, Horace J. Paradis, John Gale and John McPhee.

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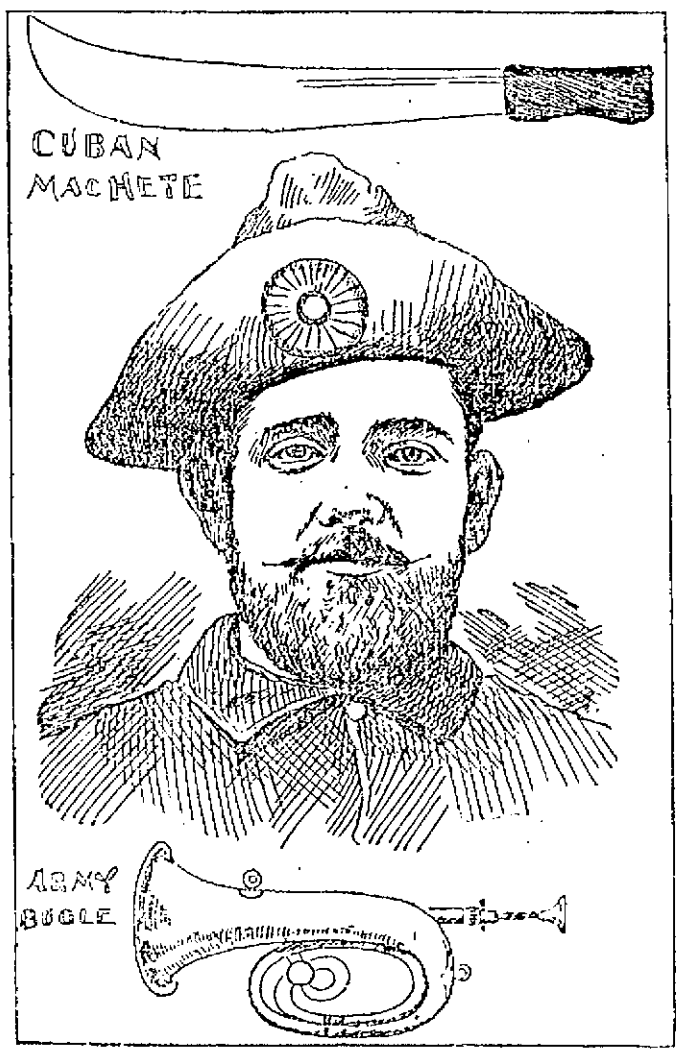
Hundreds of bargains in Fancy Goods such as Rose Bowls, Hand Painted Placques, Pictures, Glove Boxes, Handkerchief Cases, Atomizers, Clocks, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Vases, etc.

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TREATY OF PEACE

Its Ratification now Fully Assured.

THE DEMOCRATS WILL VOTE FOR IT.

The Real Contest on Expansion to Follow.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Clark Howell, member of the national Democratic committee from Georgia, and editor of the Atlanta Constitution, after consulting with the leaders of both of the political parties, telegraphed as follows to his paper:

"With the adjournment of congress for the holidays the final decision on the peace treaty is as clear as it will be after a vote has been taken in the senate. Two weeks ago the matter was in doubt; today it is ascertained that the treaty will be ratified as it will be that it has been after the vote has been taken.

"Mr. Bryan has been in Washington for several days and has conferred frequently and freely with the Democratic leaders in both the senate and the house. He has advised ratification of the treaty, and he is outspoken in the opinion that, aside from the question of national obligation, it is a matter of party policy for the Democrats to throw no obstacle in the way of ratification. There are leading Democrats of both the senate and house who less than a week ago were in doubt as to whether or not Democrats should assist in ratifying the treaty; more than that, some of them were outspoken in the opinion that it was perhaps better to reject it. Today, many of these Democratic leaders take open position that the treaty should be ratified, and that it will be no one who has studied the situation from the inside can have any reasonable doubt.

"It must not be understood that the ratification of the treaty will carry with it the assumption that all those who vote affirmatively are in favor of national expansion across the Pacific. Of the senators who will vote in favor of the treaty there will be Republicans as well as Democrats who are opposed in principle, as well as in theory, to the trans-Oceanic expansion of our national domain. They take, however, and very properly, the view that the question of expansion, per se, is not involved in the consideration of the peace treaty, and that after the treaty has been ratified and Spain has been eliminated as a factor in the Philippine problem, it will be time enough to consider the policy to be pursued in dealing with the Philippines, and just here will come the real contest on the question of expansion."

Mr. Howell then says that, after the treaty has been finally disposed of, a resolution will be introduced making a declaration of the proposed policy of this government in dealing with the Philippines, and that this resolution will be framed very much on the basis of the Cuban resolution, adopted coincident with the declaration of war, in which it was declared that the policy of this government would be to give the people of Cuba a free and independent government of their own.

Mr. Howell says: "It is the determination to present a resolution of this kind as a rallying point for the expansion and anti-expansion elements, both Democrats and Republicans, that takes from the consideration of the peace treaty such doubt as might have existed as to the outcome, and which now makes its ratification a foregone conclusion."

Mr. Howell further says that the vote on this proposed resolution will not be confined by any means to party lines, and the outcome is in doubt. A large majority of the Democrats will vote in favor of it, and a large majority of the Republicans will vote against it, but the size of either majority is sufficiently involved in doubt to render exceedingly questionable the final action that will be taken on the resolution."

He says: "The Republicans as a body will favor the ratification of the peace treaty, and will oppose any further action. They will hold that it will be time enough to cross the Philippine bridge when they get to it, and in the meantime the islands should be held under strict military government, and that if in God's own time it is demonstrated that the Filipinos are able to take care of themselves, and desire to maintain a government of their own, it will be time enough for the United States to take up the question and act accordingly."

Mr. Howell's summary concludes as follows: "As the result of the final encounter over the resolution it may be that the country will witness the spectacle of badly severed party lines, and that out of it may be furnished the battle cries around which will be formed the lines of the next presidential fight."

WORK OF CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The absence of a quorum of the senate yesterday saved Senator Proctor's resolution, providing for the appointment of a committee of senators to investigate the conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico during the approaching long recess of congress from decisive defeat. An effort was made by Mr. Daniel of Virginia to obtain consideration of the resolution, but his motion mustered only 8 of the 38 votes cast. No business of importance was disposed of at yesterday's session. Only some routine business, including the passage of a few private pension bills, was transacted.

The last session of the house before the holiday recess lasted but an hour. The Bailey resolution, directing an investigation of the right of the members who volunteered in the Spanish-American war to seats in the house was adopted, and several bills of minor importance were passed.

A NICARAGUAN RESOLUTION.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Morgan yesterday secured the passage by the senate of a resolution authorizing the Nicaraguan canal committee to investigate the alleged efforts to obstruct the construction of the Nicaraguan canal. The resolution follows:

"That the committee on the construction of the Nicaraguan canal is authorized to sit during the recess of the senate or when the senate is in session and to send for persons and papers and administer oaths to witnesses and examine them touching any agreement or combination of any persons or corporations in reference to the proposed canal through the republic of Nicaragua entered into for the purpose of defeating or controlling the construction of such canal for the personal emolument or advantage of such persons or for the benefit of such corporations."

OTIS' WORK SATISFACTORY.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Alger says that Major General Otis has rendered most satisfactory service in command of the military forces in the Philippines, and will be retained in that position. Whether he will be appointed governor general of the archipelago depends upon future events.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS.

Senator McBride introduced a bill providing for the amendment of the bill heretofore introduced for a cable line between the United States and Hawaii so as to make Astoria, Ore., instead of San Francisco, the terminus in this country.

Senator Stewart's bill, granting 2,000,000 acres of land to Nevada for irrigation, was amended by the senate committee on irrigation and reported by Senator Warren. It grants 5,000,000 acres to each of the arid states, the proceeds to be used exclusively for irrigation purposes.

Colonel William P. Hall has been ordered to San Juan for duty as adjutant general of that department.

The postmaster general made the official announcement of the appointment of Major E. C. Rathbun of Ohio, ex-fourth assistant postmaster general, to take charge of and conduct the postal service in Cuba, with the title of director of posts.

CONVICTED UPON TWO COUNTS.

Boston, Dec. 22.—A protracted criminal prosecution came to a close yesterday in the United States circuit court before Judge Brown, when the jury found William S. Jewett, former president and director of the Lake National bank of Wolfboro, N. H., guilty on two counts, each charging him with the willful misapplication and conversion of certain funds of that institution. The document contained 96 counts, but when the trial began, about two weeks ago, District Attorney Jones nol-prossed all but a few, and of these only seven were elected for the consideration of the jury. The counts upon which the findings were reported were 84 and 95. The first charged money paid A. E. Butler Nov. 1, 1893, for shares of stock. The second charged money paid by the way of dividends of $20 per share on stock held by Jewett and his pledgees. The defense has until Feb. 1 next to file a motion for a new trial.

DRUNKEN SOLDIERS' DEED.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 22.—Lucy Thomas and her 4-year-old boy were shot at Eutaw, Ala., yesterday by soldiers of the First Missouri volunteers, who were mustered out at Columbia, Tenn., Tuesday. The child was shot above the left eye, and it is not expected to recover. The mother received a painful wound in the arm above the elbow. The boys were drunk and disorderly, recklessly shooting into every house they passed. The woman and child were standing in the door of their home. The firing was done from the train on which the soldiers were en route home, and was kept up at other places along the line. Governor Jackson of Alabama has offered $100 reward for the arrest and conviction of every man implicated in the shooting.

LIVED 103 YEARS.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 22.—Martha Leonard died in Dighton at the home of her son-in-law. She was born in Lynn June 5, 1796, and married Nathaniel Leonard in 1816, her husband dying in 1857. Early in life she moved to Taunton and later to Somerset, where her husband was in business. After his decease she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Babbitt in Dighton. She had a centennial birthday anniversary in 1896, and at that time her living descendants numbered 51.

A ROYAL WELCOME.

Albany, Dec. 22.—Companies A, B and D, of the First New York volunteer regiment, returned here last night from Honolulu. Although the hour of their arrival was inconvenient and the weather disagreeable, the people turned out en masse, burned red fire by the ton, discharged all manner of fireworks and cheered themselves hoarse in honor of the returning soldiers. The men were met at the station by all the organizations, military and civic, in the city, and escorted to the state armory.

SAFE IN PORT.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 22.—The schooner City of Augusta has arrived here after being out 22 days. The storm of Nov. 27 struck the vessel while being towed up the Delaware river. Owing to the severity of the gale the tow line was dropped and two anchors run out. These were lost and the vessel put to sea. She encountered terrible gales in crossing the gulf stream and was blown south. The vessel successfully weathered the storm and the captain and crew are all safe.

TWO DEATHS RESULTED.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—A bad accident happened on the Worcester and Suburban electric road at the foot of the long hill in Leicester yesterday afternoon. Two cars came together head on, both moving at high speed. One passenger, John Kerrigan, was killed outright, and another, Walter H. Holbrook, died on removal to the hospital. Five others received dangerous injuries. The accident was caused by fog, which made it impossible to see an approaching car.

HAVANA CONTRACT AWARDED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The Drake & Stratton company of Pittsburg has received a contract from the United States government for the construction of a great dock at Havana, Cuba, and a short railroad to Morro castle, costing about $500,000. The company has already dispatched 500 laborers and two ship loads of machinery to the island.



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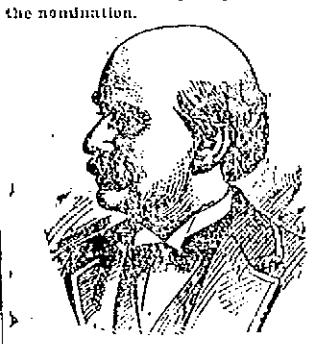
BLISS GOES OUT

Ethan Hitchcock the Present Russian Minister

TO SUCCEED SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Sketch of the New Incumbent.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The president yesterday nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri to be secretary of the interior. The senate promptly confirmed the nomination.



ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK.

Mr. Hitchcock is a prominent business man, who is at present United States ambassador to Russia, appointed by President McKinley in 1897. He is a great-grandson of Colonel Ethan Allen, who captured Fort Ticonderoga. He was born in Mobile in September, 1835, where he remained until 1840, when he moved with his family to Tennessee, remaining there until, after taking an academic course in New Haven, he went to St. Louis in 1851, where he engaged in business. He went to China in 1860. Returning to St. Louis in 1874, Mr. Hitchcock has since been actively engaged in business as president of several large manufacturing and railway corporations.

Secretary Bliss, in an interview, said: "It has been understood for some time that it would be my wish to retire from public life on the conclusion of the war. Now that the peace treaty has been signed, my request to be relieved will be granted, but I shall await the arrival of my successor before severing my connection with the interior department. I have been in most hearty accord with the president in his policy through the trying days in which he sought to avoid war, and while as commander-in-chief he was conducting the war that came notwithstanding his effort to prevent it. I believe most thoroughly in the course he is now pursuing for maintaining the honor of the country by securing the just results of a successful war. I shall leave my associates of the cabinet and of the department and my many friends in Washington with great regret, but private and personal reasons make my retirement a necessity."

GAVE MUCH TO CHARITY.

Atlantic City, Dec. 22.—Colonel Daniel Morris, aged 70 years, who planned the streets of this city and engineered the work of laying the first railroad from Camden to this city, died yesterday. Colonel Morris accumulated over $1,000,000 by investments in real estate, but at the time of his death his fortune is estimated at about $250,000. He had turned over to charitable institutions the greater part of his wealth. In 1899 he organized an independent military company, known as the "Morris Guards." The command enlisted in the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war.

ANOTHER SHOW FOR DREYER.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 22.—The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of E. S. Dreyer of Chicago, reversing the decision of the lower court and remanding the case. Dreyer was sentenced to the penitentiary for embezzlement, the specific charge being that while acting as treasurer of the West Chicago park commission he failed to turn over to his successor $316,000 of park funds. The court holds that the indictment under which Dreyer was tried was technically faulty; also that no legal demand was ever made on him for the funds by his successor in office.

QUEER STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Buffalo, Dec. 22.—A special from Lockport to The News says the law in effect prior to 1892 providing explicitly for the removal of a county treasurer has evidently been repealed and no provision substituted, and therefore County Treasurer Lammerts, now under arrest accused of embezzlement, cannot be ousted from office. In the meantime the county treasury is practically empty and county employes want their pay. Some time must elapse before any money may be had from Lammerts' bondsmen.

SOLDIERS AS AIDES.

New York, Dec. 22.—The appointment of nine aides by Governor-elect Roosevelt from the commissioned officers of the national guard was officially announced yesterday at Major General Roe's headquarters. These appointments mark the beginning of a new departure in the system of nominations for the staff of the governor, under the provisions of the new military code, which provides that 10 at least of the 14 aides allowed to the governor shall be active members of the national guard.

A MENTAL BREAKDOWN.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Press says: Victory Bateman, the actress, last night was placed in the insane pavilion of Bellevue hospital by her mother, Mrs. John T. Burke. The young woman had been showing signs of a mental breakdown for several days, and was gradually approaching the stage of mania. Her symptoms were like those she exhibited in October last in Newark, and in November, when she was playing Roxana in "Cyrano de Bergerac" in Chicago.

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has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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MADAME ROYAL, the renowned Western Clairvoyant, Palmist and Business Medium, wishes to announce her arrival in Lowell and has taken parlors in Spaulding's Block, 127 Middlesex street, where she can be consulted on all business matters. Also on all affairs of life. Don't fail to consult the truly wonderful woman as it is your chance of a lifetime. Up one flight. Walk in.

WANTED—Good health. The blooming lilac died last fall, wouldn't drink Gloria, that is all. S. Bartlett, 102 Middlesex St., sells Gloria.

LADIES WANTED To attend the Lowell Dress Cutting Schools, opened day and evening. First evening free at 85 Merrimack street, room 16, opposite Hickson Bros.' tea store. Kenaith's Block and 370 Central street, near Opera House. First class dress makers and milliners will be employed for teaching. M. J. Greaves, Principal. Hours from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

LADIES To make sample patches at home; $6 to $10 weekly; no canvassing; reply envelope for particulars and sample. Foster, Machine Co., 358 West 59th St., New York.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred R. Low's Dye House and Clothes Cleaning Establishment, 247 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

WANT BLOOM OF YOUTH, soft, delicate skin? Use Nemo's Roman Secret. At all drug stores. A. W. Dow, A. E. Moor, agent for Lowell, corner of Gorham and Appleton streets.

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TO LET—Two square rooms. Inquire at 713 Merrimack street, corner Austin.

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TO LET—A good office in the Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Middlesex ss.

To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of JOHN LEARY, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, DANIEL J. DONOVAN, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the final account of his administration on said estate, and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his hands among the next of kin of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January, A. D. 1899, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing postpaid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

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C

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D

Duggan, W. F., 116 Concord St.
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E

Edson Cash Grocery, 1403 Gorham St.
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F

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G

Goodwin & Co., 79 West Fourth St.
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Geron, D., 161 Chelmsford St.
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H

Hale, M. W., 489 Bridge St.
Howell, T., Lincoln Square.
Hand, F. W., 168 Lincoln St.
Hand, F. W., 336 Lincoln St.
Howell, T., 245 Middlesex St.
Hadley, H., 123 Branch St.
Hulene, Mrs. 502 Central St.
Hodges, F. H., 881 Central St.
Higgins & Co., 395 Central St.
Harlow D. W., 771 Middlesex St.
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Harwood, E. F., 513 Merrimack St.
Harrington, P., 32 Lewis St.

K

Keyes, P., 511 Market St.
Kittridge, M. F., 73 Branch St.
Kingsbury, J. M., 372 Bridge St.
Keith, A. J., 380 Bridge St.
Kelley, T. J., 228 Appleton St.
Kelly, J. T., 365 Market St.

L

Locke, H. W., 381 Bridge St.
Leith, W. H. & Co., 265 Middlesex St.
Lowell Cash Market, 518 Middlesex St.
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Lyons, J. F., 123 Fayette St.
Leighton, G., 35 John St.
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M

Myers, G. R., 8-12 Bridge St.
Michaud, J. A., 179 E. Merrimack St.
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Madore, J., 102 South St.
Munn, F. D. & Son, [illegible] St.
Maguire, J. J., 38 Salem St.
Manning, P., 175 Salem St.
MacDonald, A. W., 326 Lincoln St.
McHugh, E. F., 698 Gorham St.
McKinley, J., 42 Mammoth Road.
McCann., J. J., 247 Lakeview Ave.
McSorley, T. F., 246 Bridge St.
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McCann, J., 44 Gorham St.
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N

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O

O'Neil, C. F., 65 Whipple St.

P

Pervault, G. H., 558 Middlesex St.
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R

Ranlett, O. E., 303 Dutton St.
Racette, M., 185 Salem St.
Renaud, S., 603 Middlesex St.
Roark, J. S., 302 Market St.
Russell, H. H., 83 Branch St.
Ready, D. E., 771 Broadway.
Ranlett & Ranlett, 38 Bridge St.
Reiley, R. A., 214 Suffolk St.
Rexford, C. L., 463 Merrimack St.
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S

Slack, J. J., 61-65 Concord St.
Smith & Walker, 270 High St.
Stevens, C. E., 401 Bridge St.
Slater, R. H., 344 Westford St.
Stiles, P. P., Market & Dutton Sts.
Stack, J. J., 52-58 Concord St.
Soper, G. E., 253 Smith St.
Stott, F. C., 340 Westford St.
Stiles, J. & Co., 422 Central St.
Slater, A. H., 23 Pine St.
Stuart, A. H., Smith and Liberty Sts.
Sullivan, M. J., 64 Lakeview Ave.
Smith, C. L., Boston Cash Grocery, 415 Middlesex St.
Strout, F. R., 325 Bridge St.

T

Trueworthy, A. M., 214 Hale St.
Talbot, E. D., 529 Merrimack St.
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Tarte, J. N., 71 Salem St.
Taylor & Thompson, 107 East Merrimack St.

U

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SUN LATEST FIVE O'CLOCK.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR

Robber Shot While Plundering a House.

It is Not Known Who Shot the Man—Members of the Family Say They Know Nothing About the Shooting.

By Associated Press to The Sun

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 22.—The most peculiar shooting affair which has ever been brought to the attention of the police of this city occurred early this morning at the winter home of Hon. John Shaw at the corner of Elm and Washington streets when a robber who had plundered the house, lost his life.

The whole affair is very mysterious, as the occupants of Mr. Shaw's house declare that they heard no shot fired and did not know that their home had been entered until the dead body of the robber was found when the family arose this morning.

The discovery of the body was made by Mrs. George Pfaffman, a domestic who was the first in the house to rise and as she came down stairs she noticed that a window in the front sitting room was open. In crossing the room to close the window, she stumbled over something which on examination proved to be the dead body of a man. The body was directly in front of a bay window, which was open. Mrs. Pfaffman's shrieks aroused the other occupants of the household and the police were at once notified. Officer Colleran responded to the summons and took charge of the body until the arrival of the medical examiner. The officer found that the burglar's coat, hat and shoes had been left on the piazza just outside the window that Mrs. Pfaffman had found open.

The body was dressed in a new brown suit in the pocket of which a gold watch, diamond pin and two pairs of eyeglasses belonging to members of the Shaw family were found. Besides these articles there were also found a jack knife, thirteen 38-calibre cartridges, $21.50 in money, a ticket from Waltham to Boston, and a piece of paper marked "James Emerson, Green street, Jamaica Plain."

The man was probably 35 years of age, of short build, short brown hair and sandy mustache. On the face was about a week's growth of beard. The body when found was lying on the left side and the man when shot had been in his shirtsleeves, his coat having been left outside. The bullet entered three and one-half inches above the right nipple and took an upward course. It is thought internal hemorrhage was caused by the shot as not the slightest sign of blood was found about the clothing or body and it was not until the medical examiner had made a careful examination that it became known that the man had been shot. The police are greatly puzzled over the affair.

Mr. Shaw and all the members of his family stoutly declare that they heard no shot fired though one member of the family heard a noise as if something were falling heavily about two o'clock in the morning. At first the police were inclined to believe that the shot was fired by some member of Mr. Shaw's family, but since the latter have denied any knowledge of the shooting, they are working on the theory that the robber was shot by a "pal" who was watching outside and who thought he was firing at the owner of the house just as his companion came toward the window. Neighbors living nearby and night workmen in a bakery in the vicinity of the house, declare they heard a pistol shot about 2 o'clock this morning. It is fairly certain that the man was shot while making ready to leave the house as his body was found directly beneath the window at which he had entered. The body was taken to Hall's undertaking rooms to await identification.

B. D. O'CONNELL

Petition for Release Argued Today.

Judge Lowell Took the Case Under Advisement and Promised to Give a Decision as Early as Possible.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 22.—In the United States district court, before Judge Lowell today, a petition for habeas corpus for the release of Bernard D. O'Connell of Lowell, who was convicted over a year ago on a charge of bribery and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of $500, was heard. On December 6th last, O'Connell concluded his year's sentence and is now serving out his term in default of the payment of the $500 fine.

When the bankruptcy law went into effect some time ago, O'Connell filed a petition in bankruptcy, and one of the items included the fine. He was discharged a bankrupt from all debts and claims mentioned in his petition.

The present petition is applied for on the ground that he is being illegally detained in prison for the fine of $500.

At the hearing today, the contention of O'Connell's attorney, John H. Morrison, was that under the statute of 1898 this fine was a debt the same as any other debt and hence a writ of habeas corpus should be granted in order that the case might be presented properly and fully.

Assistant Attorney General DeCoosh for the Commonwealth, contended that the fine was still due and O'Connell was not exempted from paying it by his insolvency. The public statute, Sec. 17, provided that after the term of imprisonment has expired the person convicted must wait three months and then may prove to the satisfaction of the court that he is a poor debtor and may be then released.

According to the bankruptcy law debt is considered a civil liability and the bankruptcy laws do not provide for any relief from criminal debts such as the one in question.

He further claimed that the United States had really no jurisdiction in the matter, except to decide whether or not the bankruptcy laws applied to the present case.

Judge Lowell took the case under advisement and announced that he would make his decision as soon as possible.

BOTH MET DEATH.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Avon, N. Y., Dec. 22.—William H. Masters, an engineer on the Erie railroad and Patrick O'Brien, head brakeman, were killed in a freight collision west of Wayland this morning.

AT THE RECOUNT

The Registrars Will Finish the Task Today.

CHANGE OF 25 VOTES FOR NO LICENSE.

High School Boys Want an Extra Holiday.

The registrars will probably finish the recount this evening. This morning they finished ward six and at noon were half through ward eight. They found no changes this morning and the total gain for no license at this writing is 25 votes.

FUNERALS.

FARRELL—The funeral of Amelia Farrell took place at 9 o'clock from her late home, 142 Fayette street, this morning. The cortege proceeded from the residence to the Immaculate Conception church where a requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., and the choir rendered the Gregorian chant under the direction of P. P. Haggerty. The choir also sang "Rest, Spirit, Rest," at the conclusion of the service and as the remains were being removed from the church. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery. The bearers were Michael and John Flanagan, William Sullivan, William Buckley, Michael Carey and James Carr. The funeral was largely attended and many friends of the deceased witnessed the interment of the remains.

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TRUE AND MURPHY

Both Appear Before Judge Hadley.

THE FORMER WAIVES AN EXAMINATION.

Held for Superior Court—Murphy Continued.

The continued cases of William T. True and Edwin D. Murphy came up in police court this forenoon before Judge Hadley. Both were charged with obtaining money from the city of Lowell under false pretences. True was represented by Lawyer James Corbett who waived examination and the court ordered True in $800 for trial before the Superior court the second Monday in February. Mr. True's father furnished the bond. John W. McEvoy, Esq., Mr. Murphy's counsel sent a letter to Judge Hadley, which was read in court, stating that it was impossible for him to appear in court owing to an important business engagement in Boston and he asked for a continuance for one week. This was granted and Murphy was held in $800. Bail was furnished by Mr. William Callahan.

Mr. True shows the effects of his recent severe illness and looked pale and careworn as if suffering from mental strain.

Of the other cases Margaret Conroy paid a fine of $50 for illegally keeping liquor.

Of the eight drunks the majority were released by court or fined a nominal sum, the only sentences being Mary A. Gardner, one month to the workhouse and Annie F. O'Hare, five months to the same institution.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

St. Patrick's Boys' and Girls' schools closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays. Exercises appropriate to the Christmas season were held in all the class rooms of both schools.

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99c. for Men's Harvard tie, black and russet.
$1.40 for Men's Russia Calf Slippers.
Umbrellas,
Dress Suit Cases and Satchels.
98c. for Dresden Handles and Silver trimmed Umbrellas, Gloria Silk.
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Men's Gloves.
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Important Decision of the Supreme Court.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22.—The supreme court of Illinois has rendered a decision declaring that riparian owners along the shore of Lake Michigan have no right to build wharves, docks or piers out into the submerged shallows without license from the state authorities and that the state, holding the submerged lands in trust for the people, would be false to its trust if it should permit shore owners to encroach upon the public domain.

The decision was rendered on an appeal from the circuit court by Alexander H. Revell of Chicago, who had built two piers out from his property and who was proceeded against by the state as unlawfully reclaiming land made by accretion.

The decision takes precedence over the United States supreme court decision anent the Illinois Central railroad and leaves the way clear for the state to proceed at once against that company to reclaim for the state all the docks and wharves that the corporation has built out into the lake according to the opinion of the national tribunal.

DEATHS.

WILLIS—Died in Ramsey, Ill., Dec. 14, Mrs. Carrie Newall, wife of Azro Willis. She leaves a husband, two sisters and one brother. Mrs. Willis was a sister of Mrs. Charles H. Hill of Myrtle street.

BATTLES—Hannah S. Battles, aged 68 years, wife of Cyrus M. Battles, died Wednesday at 38 Sixth street. She is survived besides her husband by a son and daughter. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home.

FOR HONOLULU

The Ship Tacoma Will Sail Today.

MULES FOR TROOPS AT MANILA.

And Other Articles Needed for Work There.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The ship Tacoma will sail today for Honolulu with 111 army mules on board. At Honolulu the mules will be turned out for a few weeks' exercise and will then be reshipped along with 200 mules and horses already in Honolulu and the whole lot will be taken to Manila for the use of the United States troops there. In addition, the Tacoma carries a large assortment of wagons, dump carts, plows and other things necessary for the work of improving the roads in the Philippines.

COURT OF CLAIMS.

DENIES THE CLAIM OF SEVERAL PARTIES FOR SERVICES RENDERED STATE OF ILLINOIS.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22.—The court of claims has denied the claim of Isaac R. Hitt, Mary S. Logan, widow of Gen. John A. Logan and Catherine Wiltshire of $35,600. The claim was for services alleged to have been rendered by Hitt, J. A. Logan and Wiltshire in securing the refunding of the direct tax to Illinois. The claim was rejected because not filed with the state auditor within two years after it matured; that the constitution provided that the legislature shall not authorize payment of claims based on contracts not expressed or implied by law.

LAMP TRIMMER KILLED.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—Edward M. Hayward, lamp trimmer, was instantly killed here this morning while renewing carbons in the foundry of the Holyoke Machine company. He received the full force of a short circuit current which was caused by crossed wires.

The Best of Us Make Mistakes
We made one in buying too many Fancy Rockers, but we will rectify our mistake by cutting the prices almost in two on some lots. Call and see the Rockers we're selling at $1.98 and $2.98.
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THE SUN LATEST

5 O'CLOCK.

SERIOUS CHARGE

Made Against Cashier Spaulding and Mrs. Jamieson.

SPAULDING SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED.

Miss Meeker's Death Was Caused by Criminal Action.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 22.—William G. Spaulding, cashier of the German National bank at Port Clinton, and Mrs. Martha S. Jamieson of this city have been arrested on the charge of causing the death of Miss Amy Meeker by performing a criminal operation upon her. It is said that Spaulding has made a confession.

The dead woman was a daughter of Captain Meeker, a well known farmer of Ottawa county, who lives at Locust Point a few miles from Port Clinton. Spaulding is connected with the prominent Spaulding family, owners of vessels and fruit growers. He was prominent in Port Clinton society.

A FATAL MISTAKE

Men Thought Dynamite Fuse Had Failed.

CHARGE EXPLODED WITH TERRIFIC FORCE.

Five Men Were Seriously Injured.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 22.—An explosion of dynamite occurred four miles west of Huron, in which five men were seriously injured, two of whom may die. The names of the injured cannot be learned. Three heavy blasts of dynamite were placed in the rocky side of the canyon to be excavated and fired. Two exploded but the third was slow and the men thought the fuse had failed. After waiting a while, they returned to the hole, when the charge exploded with terrific force.

WANT A HOLIDAY.

The boys of the High school today sent a petition to Mayor Bennett, asking him to grant them a holiday tomorrow. The mayor referred the petition to the school board and as that body does not meet until next week it is very probable that the boys will meander to High school tomorrow.

It is surprising to learn that the High school boys know so little of that portion of municipal affairs which refers to them. Mayor Bennett is no longer a member of the school board and has no power to grant holidays to school children. Chairman A. G. Swapp of the board is the only individual with such power. He may grant four holidays a year while the school board itself may grant holidays.

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DR. WALKER DENTISTS

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, physicians advocate them.



OWEN CAHILL, the Well Known Blacksmith, Who Died at His Home on Chelmsford Street Last Night.

T. F. MOLLOY DEAD

The Popular Tenor Passed Away This Morning.

HAD BEEN ILL FOR FOUR WEEKS

Owen Cahill, the Well Known Blacksmith, Dead.

Prof. Terrence F. Molloy, the well known and popular tenor and musician, passed away at 6.45 o'clock this morning in St. John's hospital where he had been confined to bed for the past four weeks. For the past year he had been a victim of liver trouble which steadily grew upon him and on Sunday, Nov. 27th, the day of the blizzard, he caught a cold which gave his ailment a fatal turn and his death had been expected for several days. He suffered most patiently and passed away in the presence of relatives, having previously received the last rites of the Catholic church to which in life he had given his best efforts as a choir master.

No singer in Lowell was more widely or more favorably known than poor "Terry" Molloy, whose sweet voice and amiable manner charmed all, and he will be widely and sincerely mourned.

He was born in Lowell 40 years ago the son of the late George Molloy. When a boy he attended the Edson and High schools and was then noted for his voice. He began the study of music when quite young under the lamented Dr. J. G. Lennon. Later he studied piano and organ under Asa V. Hill of Worcester and his first church engagement was as organist of the old St. Peter's church, which position he held for four years. At the dedication of the Sacred Heart church he officiated as choir director and held that position for four years, also presiding at the organ. Then he went to St. Michael's church where he was director for two years.

In the meantime he studied vocal music under Mrs. C. A. Guillmette of Boston, and later under Profs. Haggerty and Leach of this city. At the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Peter's church, Prof. Molloy returned to that choir as director and held the position up to the time of his last illness, officiating as tenor soloist.

Besides his church work, the deceased appeared many times in concert, olio and light opera, assuming the leading tenor roles with marked success in Pinafore, Ermine, Pirates, Olivette, Iolanthe, Patience, Billie Taylor, Sorcerer, and others. He was also a member of the American quartet and probably sang in public oftener than any other soloist in the city. But he gave most of his attention to church work and made St. Peter's choir one of the finest in New England. It was his great ambition to direct a choir in the new St. Peter's church, an ambition never to be realized. It was the deceased who gained considerable distinction by introducing to the Catholic requiem services of this city the English hymns, "I Love To Hear My Savior's Voice;" "No Cross, No Crown"; "Passing Through the Shadow," and "Hark, My Soul," which are now sung at all requiems. Prof. Molloy was also a teacher of voice and piano, having had many pupils.

Personally a more genial soul never lived. Always kind, generous and gentlemanly, he made friends of all with whom he came in contact and endeared himself to all who knew him. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Mary A. Phelan of Gorham street; Mrs. Thomas H. Bradley of River Point, R. I., and Miss Lizzie Molloy, a teacher in the Cottage street school. The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet, but deceased will probably be interred from St. Peter's church.

OWEN CAHILL DEAD.

Owen Cahill, the well known blacksmith, died about 11 o'clock last night after a lingering illness at his late home, 445 Chelmsford Corner of Parker streets. Although he has been a constant sufferer from a wasting disease for the past three months, his death will come as a shock to the wide circle of friends which he enjoyed in Lowell. He was compelled to take to his bed last Labor Day and has not been able to leave it again up to the time of his death.

The deceased was born in County Cavan, Ireland about 65 years ago at a place known as Cahill's Cross Roads, where he spent his early days. At the age of 10 years he went to the town of Navan where he began the trade of blacksmith in which he afterwards attained such distinction.

He was one of the pioneer Irish settlers in this city, coming to this country when a youth. Thirty-five years ago he opened a blacksmith shop on Gorham street, a short distance from Appleton street. He conducted a paying business there for twenty-five years when he was compelled to vacate the premises, as it was intended to have an entrance to the Opera house from Gorham street at that time. He then moved to Liberty Square where he remained five years, then on Middle street, next to the gas office where he remained three years and his present shop on Green street he has occupied about two years. Mr. Cahill was distinctively a family man and was identified with but one organization in the course of his life, the Knights of St. Patrick, of which he was a past commander in the palmy days of the order.

Besides his widow he is survived by six sons and two daughters, Edward W., and Michael J. of the firm of Cahill Brothers; Patrick F., the well known letter carrier; James, who is conducting his father's business; Owen, Jr., and Joseph, two younger sons; Miss Catherine, superior of the Berkley Street Convent in Boston and Miss Mary Cahill, who has resided with her parents and is a pupil of the Notre Dame academy.

Throughout this city the older Irish residents will lament the death of Mr. Cahill, whom they had known for so many years as a genial, good natured, charitable, sober and industrious citizen.

FELL YESTERDAY.

Margaret Surpry of Gorham street and an employe of the Tremont & Suffolk mills fell on the steps of the mills when entering the corporation yesterday morning and sustained a serious injury to one of her hips. She was removed to the corporation hospital.

MATRIMONIAL.

CRAIG—STEWART.

A pretty home wedding took place at 12 Nichols street last evening, the contracting parties being Miss Lillian Maude Stewart and Mr. Ernest Craig. Rev. D. A. MacPhie solemnizing the nuptial rites. Mrs. Claribel Axtman of Woburn, a cousin of the bride, was matron of honor and Mr. W. F. Stewart, a brother, was the best man. The bride wore white nun's veiling with satin and chiffon trimming and wore the customary veil and carried white pinks. The young couple received many tokens of the esteem in which they are held. They will be at home after January 1st at 12 Nichols street.

THE AGE LIMIT.

The new law governing attendance of children at public schools in Massachusetts, which went into effect in September, will not allow schoolchildren under the age required by law to work during the Christmas holidays any more than at any other time in the year. Previous to this year it has been customary for children to receive employment from the management of down town stores during the holiday rush but violations of the age limit will be keenly watched and prosecuted.

BOWLING.

By weak rolling in the final string the Concords allowed the Heroes to take a game at Les Miserables alleys last night. The score:

Heroes—Flood, 416; McCaffrey, 411; Sweeney, 426; Brown, 412; Whalen, 356; totals, 2071.

Concords—Hennessey, 526; Guimond, 409; Cotter, 365; Bushey, 351; O'Brien, 350; totals, 2034.

MILL STOCK SALES.

2 Everett Mills, 65¾; 14 Great Falls Manufacturing Company, 540; 2 Androscoggin Mills, 110¾; 50 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company, 42; 25 Lyman Mills, 52; 10 Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford, 55¼a55¾.

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The Finest and Grandest Assortment ever exhibited in town. If you can find its equal in any store outside of Boston, you'll surprise us. The beauty and attractiveness of the goods can hardly be pictured in words. You must see them to appreciate how far superior this display is to any and all the others in town. You can buy them at practically half price.

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Silk Lined Reindeer Gloves, Silk Lined Kid Gloves, Fleece Lined Kid, Dogskin, Mocha, Castor Gloves, Driving Gloves, Street Gloves, Dress Gloves.

Our assortment will delight you with its completeness and money-saving qualities.

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Umbrellas make a fine Christmas present, useful and ornamental both. Just as you enter the door hang spread out before you a tempting array of Ladies' and Men's Silk, Taffeta and Union Umbrellas, with all the choicest and newest handles, each one marked at ridiculously low figures, 68c. to $3.50.

Don't Forget the Boys.

Boys' Caps, 23c. to 75c., Boys' Gloves, 10c. to 75c.
Boys' Sweaters, 50c., 75c., 98c., etc. Boys' Reefers, $1.00 to $5.00.
Boy's Overcoats, 97c to $7.00,
Just bring half the money you expected to invest in Boys' Suit, Reefer or Overcoat. It will be plenty.

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MIKE SEARS' BOUT

With Alf Wright, the English Bantam

WILL TAKE PLACE THIS EVENING.

Other Gossip of the Prize Ring.

The twenty-round contest between Mike Sears, the gallant little American, and Alf Wright, the English bantam, which will be decided at the Olympic A. C., Birmingham, Eng., tonight, is attracting national attention for the reason that if Wright should succeed in whipping the American the chances are very strong that he will invade the country with a deft aimed at the best of his weight, and that man is undoubtedly Terry McGovern of Brooklyn, who has worked his way to the front, marvellously in the past year.

But little is known of Wright in this country other than his losing fight with Dave Wallace, who defeated him in nineteen rounds at the National Sporting club, London, on Jan. 11, 1897, in what was generally said to have been the fastest battle of its kind that had ever taken place in that aristocratic club. This contest stamps Wright as a first class boxer, for it will be remembered that Wallace was considered good enough to tackle Tommy White, when the latter first visited England. Wallace was taken sick while training, and Ben Jordan was substituted as the next best available man, and the ease with which Jordan walloped the Chicagoan and later outpointed George Dixon at the Lenox A. C. showed him to be a rare good glove pusher. Yet before that time Wallace was considered better than Jordan, and it is a high tribute to the mettle of Wright to be able to avert defeat, for nineteen rounds before succumbing to the admittedly best man in the "tight little isle."

Sear's work of late, except his losing to his recent English opponent, is of the most gratifying kind. He demonstrated beyond all cavil that he was in the front ranks of American bantams when he handled Patsy Haley, Spider Weir and Jack Frazier with such skill as to come out of these battles with hardly a mark to show that he had engaged in encounters with the best that could be produced.

He will have the benefit of being acclimated when he goes into the ring tonight with Wright, something which he sadly lacked when he made his initial bow before an English audience. He has been in training at Chipperfield and has appeared in a sparring act all over England with rare success, winning praise everywhere by his cleverness and his willingness to meet all comers, big and little.

Dan Creedon and George Green are scheduled to settle their differences at San Francisco on Dec. 28. Green appears to be conceding great odds of weight, but things are running queerly on the Pacific coast.

Johnny Lavack, who fought Solly Smith a draw at Boston two years ago, is carded to clash against Fred Green at Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 27th.

Dan Sullivan, formerly of Boston, who once fought Dick O'Brien for fifteen rounds before the award was given to the latter, has signed articles to meet Jim Janey in a preliminary to the Gans-Daley contest at the Lenox A. C., on Dec. 27th.

"Honest John" Kelly has been commissioned by a Texas syndicate to offer $10,600 for a finish fight between Tommy Ryan and Bob Fitzsimmons. Each man will be allowed $2500 for training expenses. The offer has been communicated to the men.

Frank Erne has decided to leave for San Francisco next month. He will probably get on a return match with Kid Lavigne. It is understood that negotiations are now going on between the men for another match and that everything will be arranged by the time Erne reaches the coast.

Jim Kennedy, who looks after the Buffalo boxer's interest, said yesterday: "Outside of Lavigne, Dal Hawkins is the only man Erne will meet. He might consider Gans' challenge if he will fight at 135 pounds at the ring side.

Billy Edwards, the champion middle weight of Australia and South Africa, who arrived in this country this week has already got down to business. There is talk of matching him against Joe Walcott at the Lenox Athletic club for a twenty-round go. Edwards will fight between 142 and 146 pounds.

Teddy McGovern, who knocked out Jimmy Rose in such clever style on Saturday night, has been matched to fight Austin Rice of New London, twenty five rounds before the Pelican Athletic club on December 31st. They will meet at 115 pounds for a percentage of the receipts.

THE GRIP RAGING.

The grip is reported as very prevalent. It is epidemic in New York and some other places. Four members of one family are reported as ill from it in this city.

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EX-MAYOR COURTNEY BETTER.

Within the past few days the condition of Hon. William F. Courtney has improved so much that his attending physician is having strong hopes for his speedy recovery. The patient is now beginning to eat, his sleep is more restful, and he sits up at intervals.

Mr. Cyrus M. Battles, whose wife died yesterday, is quite ill himself at his home, 33 Sixth street.

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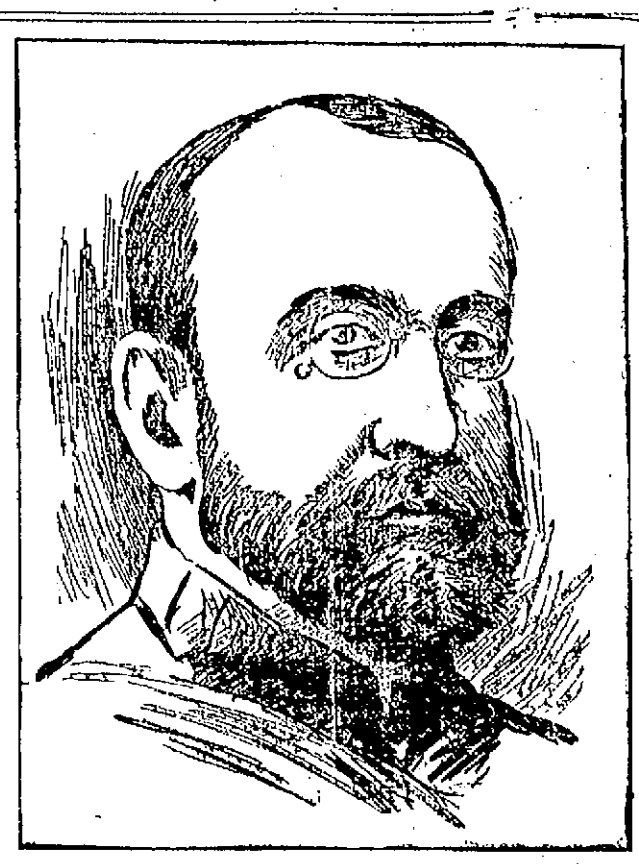
THE TWO STAR WITNESSES IN THE WAR INQUIRY.



GEN. NELSON A. MILES, Who Testified Before the War Board to the Mismanagement of the War Department by Sec. Alger.



GEN. MERRITT, Who Tesetified to the Losses in the Philippine Campaign.



CAPTAIN GENERAL CASTELLANOS, who will be the representative of Spain to hand over Cuba to the United States. He will remain until Jan. 1 and not leave the Island by Clem-fuegos before that date, as it has been reported that he will do. He will thus be the last viceroy of Spain in the New World.

THE ERIE CASES

The Question of Values Excluded.

THE DEFENSE PUTS ON WITNESSES.

Chas. J. Glidden Closely Questioned by Lawyers.

Before Judge Hardy in the Superior court in East Cambridge, yesterday the tax case of the Erie Telephone company was again taken up with Assistant Assessor Frank F. Read the first witness called, corroborating the testimony given by ex-assessor Edgell on Tuesday.

Ex-Assessor John E. Maguire, who was an assessor in 1889, was the next witness. He told of the manner of assessing the defendants as trustees and explained that the men were found to be trustees of Northwestern, Southwestern and Cleveland stock comprising the Erie. Mr. Maguire mentioned several conferences of the assessors before the taxes were levied in this particular case and referred to the engagement of an expert.

He was cross-examined by Mr. Shepard principally as to how the board assessed the defendants as trustees without any dfinite descriptions of the stock of which they were claimed to be trustees.

City Treasurer Charles F. Coburn, the next witness, told of the books being transferred to him from his predecessor and the obligation to collect the taxes from the defendants.

Mr. Coburn read the warrant in the 1889 book from the assessors to him for the collection of taxes, and also the commitment to Austin K. Chadwick and other treasurers when they were in office.

Treasurer Coburn said he took office in September, 1895, and so far as he know, there was no warrant to him to collect these taxes.

City Clerk Dadman and the clerk of the common council were recalled to read from their records the resignations of City Treasurers Sleeper and Chadwick, after which the government declared that its case was closed with the exception of the introduction of the book of statements of the Ward Four assessors, which was in Lowell. The defense submitted to a request that the book be allowed as testimony upon its arrival from this city.

The defense then opened its argument. Five witnesses were sworn and the first to take the stand was Charles J. Glidden. He testified: "I have been connected with the Erie company since it was organized. I am now the president and was formerly secretary and treasurer. I am connected also with the Cleveland company organized under the laws of Ohio, also the northwestern and southwestern companies. I was secretary and treasurer of the companies up to a year ago and then president."

Mr. Glidden was asked if on May 1, 1889, the Southwestern company owned any property.

Mr. Richardson promptly objected to this question.

The point was argued by counsel and Mr. Richardson read Chap. 11, Sec. 4 of the public statutes concerning the province of the county commissioners on tax cases.

The court admitted the question subject to the exception of the plaintiff and Mr. Glidden answered that the Southwestern company owned no property May 1, 1889.

Mr. Glidden was asked if either the Southwestern or Northwestern company was doing any business May 1, 1889.

Mr. Richardson objected.

Mr. Glidden was asked whether or not he knew where the shares of the company were in 1889.

Mr. Richardson objected but withdrew the objection.

"I don't mean to be too abrupt," said Mr. Richardson, "but Mr. Shepard is so sharp I have to keep watch."

"I'm not so sharp as the city of Lowell," said Mr. Shepard.

"I'm not the city of Lowell," replied Mr. Richardson, "I'm only one of 80,000 inhabitants."

Mr. Glidden answered that he did not know where the shares were in 1889.

"On May 1, 1889, did you hold any personal estate whatever in trust?"

Objected to and allowed. Answer—No.

"Had the Southwestern a franchise with the American Bell company?"

Objected to.

Mr. Shepard said he desired to offer testimony in relation to the value of shares in different companies.

His desire was not allowed by the court.

Cross-examination: To Mr. Richardson—The Erie Telephone company was made up of the Southwestern, Northwestern and Erie. Those organizations exist today.

"The directors in the Northwestern are not the same as the Erie. There were 11 directors in the Northwestern company in 1889 and 10 in the Erie, all of whom were in the Northwestern. The 11th man lived in Boston. A majority of the directors of the Cleveland were not directors of the Erie.

"By the by-laws of the Southwestern company the directors met annually up to 1889 in New York. Then the stockholders elected the directors. In 1888 the annual meeting was held in June. I was present and 20,000 shares were acted upon.

"I did not hold the meeting alone but I think I could have done so. I think Mr. Bennett was president in 1888. The requirement for a quorum was any number of shares represented. Mr. Sprague was present and Mr. Bennett. I can't say whether any one else was present. All who were present were also stockholders of the Erie company.

"In 1888 I was clerk and secretary of all the companies. The records are in the hands of the present secretaries. They all live in Lowell. In 1889 the Bell Telephone company had a contract with all the sub-companies and recognized the Erie corporations. No leases were made to the latter. In 1888, 70 per cent. of the dividends of the Northwestern company were paid to the Erie company direct and 30 per cent. to the Bell company direct.

Redirect—There were no books kept of stockholders of the three sub-companies.

Mr. Shepard said he wanted to show that all these companies were taxed in their several localities in addition to being taxed in Lowell.

Objected to and not allowed.

Another objection was made when Mr. Glidden was asked if he knew where the shares of the Erie were held.

Witness answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Shepard wanted to show that shares of Erie were held by citizens of Massachusetts and largely of Lowell.

City Treasurer Coburn was recalled by Mr. Qua, the book of ward four having arrived and the former read a record of the tax assessed against the defendants in that ward in 1889.

J. W. C. Pickering, another defendant was called and testified under objection that he held no personal property in trust in 1889.

On cross-examination Mr. Pickering said he didn't know that he held any stock in the different sub-companies. Prior to 1889 he didn't think he attended a meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland company.

He could not remember that he ever was a director in the Cleveland company. He attended some of the meetings as a guest.

Noon recess was taken.

After recess Mr. Pickering took the stand but was withdrawn and Levi Sprague, another defendant, took the stand.

Questions as to whether or not Mr. Sprague held any personal property in trust May 1, 1889. They were objected to and stricken out after an argument by counsel and the ruling applied to previous witnesses' testimony of the same nature.

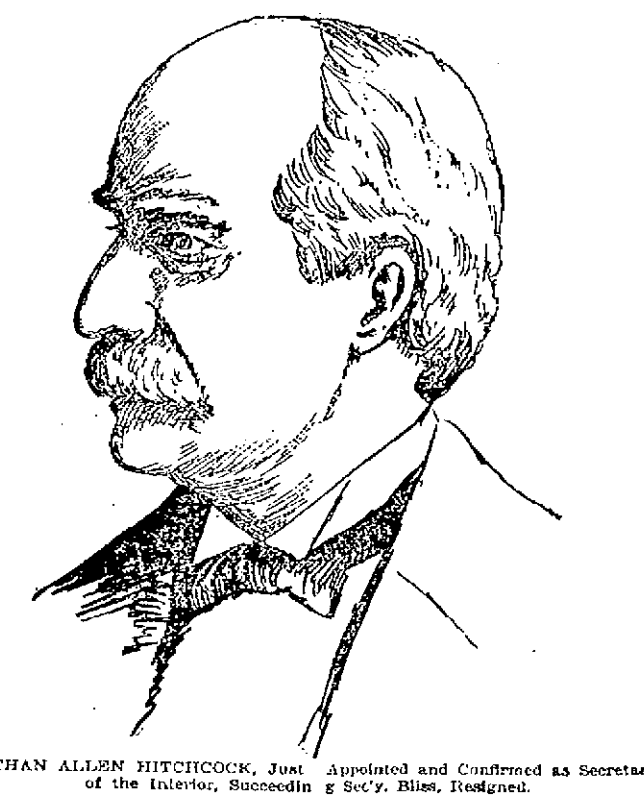
On that account Mr. Shepard announced that his testimony was closed.

Mr. Shepard offered to show the value of Erie, Northwestern, Southwestern and Cleveland shares. The court excluded all such testimony.

The jury was then excused temporarily for the purpose of allowing counsel to argue certain points which should be presented to the jury by the court.

Mr. Shepard wanted the jury to make certain findings on the question of fact and read some questions which he thought could properly go before the jury. Mr. Qua held that the only question for the jury was whether or not the assessment made by the board of assessors was a proper one or not.

There was an extended argument on questions of law and at the close the jury was sent for and the arguments were made by Messrs. Shepard and Richardson.



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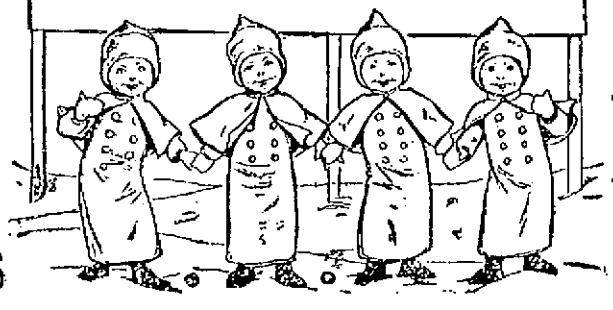
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It is as well for the skaters to remember that the ice is not a foot thick and that it is dangerously thin at some points.

The Hon. George A. Marden will soon be in official clover again. George is never at home except in a good, fat office.

Lieut. Hobson's way westward was strewn with roses and kisses. He took the kisses and left the roses. He says the women liked the kisses and so did he. What a strange individual to be called a hero.

It would be a nice Christmas present if the Mesdames Gervais and Martel of this city were to inherit a large fortune from a relative in France as they anticipate. Such presents are very rare, nowadays.

The washout of the state highway at Swampscott will teach the Metropolitan commission that it must not trespass upon the domain of Neptune. Old Ocean will tolerate no restraint and any attempt to curb the tide will be as futile as Mrs. Partington's effort to sweep back the waves with a broom.

The joint debate between Solon W. Stevens and Professor Edward Atkinson before the Lawrence board of trade on the question of assuming control of the Philippines, must have been quite enjoyable because both men are good talkers and Mr. Atkinson is a great statistician. Mr. Stevens met solid argument with a display of rhetoric.

The breaking of the cable near Cape Cod may yet solve the mystery of the sinking of the Portland. It is assumed that the cable must have met some extraordinary pressure when it broke, as at its depth in the water, the fury of the waves would not be likely to break it. Hence the supposition that the hull of the sinking, helpless Portland came in contact with the cable and snapped it. It is hoped that this will give a clew to the discovery of the hull, for which so many people are anxiously waiting.

Martin Farrell is at present in charge of the liquor licenses in Dracut. If Mr. Farrell should be successful in securing the privilege of selling liquor in that town next year he would have an opportunity to make money. There was quite a scrap over the Dracut liquor license in 1890 but it proved little more than a public nuisance and had to be abandoned. The same may be true next year unless the police force of Dracut be greatly enlarged and arrangements made to preserve order. Let the Dracut voters decide.

SEEKING TO PLUNDER THE TREASURY.

As a result of our territorial expansion, another scheme is coming to the front for the purpose of plundering the treasury. It is that of securing government bounties for American vessels engaged in commercial business, with the hope of securing government aid for private enterprise, that should stand or fall on its merits. The government has been looted to such an extent by the trusts and combines that wrote the tariff schedules in the Dingley law, that such people consider it an easy matter to get their paws into the treasury and help themselves at will. The most plausible pretexts will be adopted to secure such bounties as a tribute to our national pride, necessary to put us on a level with other nations. That is what our industries of various kinds have done. They have been pampered by government protection, like hot house plants, which perish when exposed to the open air. They cannot withstand open competition. If there is trade upon the seas the merchants will see their opportunity to have a portion of it, and it would be gross waste of public money to offer it in bounties to merchant vessels.

General Alger recommends that the army be increased to one hundred thousand and for this he wants an appropriation of one hundred and sixty-six million dollars. With this amount he can provide fat salaries for a large number of his political heelers and equip the government with a lot of officials, who if called upon to serve in actual warfare would prove as miserable failures as Gen. Alger himself. The recommendation should be rejected and any tendency to make this republic a military power should be discountenanced. Of course if we take charge of new colonies, an army must be maintained sufficient to protect them. That is one of the reasons urged against the acquisition of new colonies. As Dooley of Chicago says: "The policy is one of "expand and explnd."

The proposition to build a monument to the memory of the soldiers who died in the Spanish-American war, will meet with general approval from all patriotic citizens, although it comes perhaps rather early. The memory of the martyrs in that war will lose nothing by the advance of time, as we surmise that the magnitude of the victory will become more apparent after the lapse of a few years. The proposition, however, is a good one, and it is well at this time to bring it before the people for consideration. We have no doubt that it will meet a most generous response but we hope it will not prevent proper consideration for the survivors of the struggle who have returned shattered in health.

Mrs. Hettie Green, the richest woman in America, has moved from New Bedford to Groton, Mass., where part of her property will be assessed. It is rumored that she has changed her residence in order to evade the payment of taxes in New Bedford, but the tax collectors will follow her wherever she goes and it is quite probable that Hettie will have to submit to the decree of the tax collector or else to the warrant of a legal official that may conduct her to jail.

THE SAVOY.

LOWELL'S NEW CASINO THEATRE.

The Casino House was last night, as has been the rule so far during this week, the scene of a most refined and pleasing variety performance, the audience present showing their continued appreciation by their hearty and prolonged applause necessitating a recall on many of the numbers. It certainly seems that this house is bound to find a secure place in the minds of the Lowell public, for not only are the artists those of reputation and merit, but the best that can be obtained by the management and only those who have a clean and refined act can obtain a place on the stage of the Casino. Last evening, Clements, Marshall and Sunshine were most pleasing to those who witnessed their sketch and the dancing of Miss Marshall being a novelty itself, and Little Sunshine, who has found a warm spot in the breasts of her Lowell friends sustained her reputation as being the best rag-time song soloist seen here. Mr. Clements, who has a country-wide reputation as a comedian, was also in demand and found new friends last night.

Spencer Bros. cannot be sufficiently spoken of to convey the impression they made on the audience of last evening. To say they are comical does not half answer the purpose. They are laugh convulsers.

Mudge and Morton last evening played and sang their way into the hearts of their hearers and the song by Miss Morton to the flute accompaniment of Mr. Mudge was superbly rendered. They have no peers as musical artists and although brought by the management from Weber & Fields,' in New York, where they played Sunday night, the management could not better display their intention of furnishing the best talent possible to the people of this city than by such as are on the bill this week.

Miss Ida Rogers again was obliged to respond to a recall and in her rendition of her childlike song of "I'll Put You in a Corner," carried her audience and again to satisfy her hearers pleasingly answered with another solo.

Green & Friend have one of the finest and pleasing domestic sketches imaginable. Mr. Friend, who was formerly of the Sporting Duchess company, is an actor of marked ability, and the support he receives in Miss Green is that of an able and doubly talented lady who has a remarkably fine personality in addition to a sweet voice and in the singing of the kissing duet both she and Mr. Friend completely captivate the audience. They are certainly making a great hit in this city and the sketch of which they control the copyright is destined to cause them to play return engagements if such can be arranged. In the singing of "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky" Miss Green is superb and should be heard to fully understand the real beauty of this sweet southern ballad.

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HOW THE CHURCH PEOPLE OF PORTLAND, ORE. GREETED REV. MR. BLACKBURN.

In a recent issue of the "Pacific Baptist," a Pacific coast church publication, there appeared the following account of the welcome extended Rev. Alexander Blackburn, formerly of Lowell:

"The First church of Portland tendered Dr. Alexander Blackburn and family a reception in the church parlors on Friday evening, December 2. The ladies had decorated the church beautifully with palms, evergreens and roses: "Capt. J. A. Sladen extended the welcome on behalf of the state and expressed commiseration for the doctor that he had always dwelt where it was not safe to go out in the dark for fear of stepping over into a neighboring state. He was welcomed to our grand mountains and rivers, and to the hearts and homes of the people. Dr. A. W. Ackerman, pastor of the First Congregational church, and president of the ministerial association, gave the greetings of the ministers of the city. Dr. E. P. Hill of the First Presbyterian church extended the welcome of the city and said that when a prominent minister of another denomination came to a city the other ministers felt very much as the English soldiers did at the battle of Waterloo when reinforcements came under Blucher. His coming meant victory. So he welcomed the new pastor to the work and ultimate triumph. Deacon R. M. Clinton extended cordial greetings on behalf of the church and denomination. Dr. Blackburn responded to these warm words of welcome in an appropriate address. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse, in which the gathering joined with the pastor and his family and with each other, and in the discussion of the luncheon prepared by the ladies. Altogether the reception was a most happy affair, and Dr. Blackburn begins his pastorate under promising auspices, with the assurance of the confidence, love and co-operation of his people from the very first.

"Twenty three persons received the hand of fellowship at the Portland First church last Sunday. Four of these were the pastor's family, who were welcomed by Deacon Dygert."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Lady Franklin council, Daughters of Liberty met and elected the following officers last night: Councilor, Etta Sawyer; associate councilor, Etta Landers; vice councilor, G. C. Currier; associate vice councilor, A. Cora Stiles; guide, Mrs. Walker; recording secretary, Clara A. Varney; assistant recording secretary, George Gilman; financial secretary, Maude Farley; treasurer, Blanche Bartlett; inner guard, Mrs. Harrington; outer guard, Steven Prescott; trustee for 18 months, Mrs. Brett; representative to supreme council, A. Cora Stiles and Blanche Bartlett; alternates, Laura Copeland and Susie Gifford. It was voted to hold a union meeting on Jan. 16, when the officers will be installed in public.

At the annual meeting of Court St. Antoine, Catholic Order of Foresters, last night, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Fred Girous; recording secretary A. N. Doulais; financial secretary, G. M. Bourgeois; treasurer, Timothy Vigeant; physician, Dr. L. V. Rochette; trustees, M. Pratt, T. Fortier and Frank Langlois.

At the meeting of Court City of Lowell, F. of A., last night, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, John F. Connolly; sub chief ranger, James H. Taylor; treasurer, James F. Kelley; junior woodward, Daniel F. Kennedy; senior woodward, James F. Shanahan; senior beadle, Frank Oulette; junior beadle, Stephen Radigan; trustee for three years, Patrick Coughlin; for one year, Michael Gilligan; physician, Michael Meagher, M. D.

At a meeting of Chevalier lodge, K. of P., last night, the second degree was conferred on one candidate by the degree staff of Hines lodge. A smoke talk followed

Centralville lodge, I.O.O.F., of Centraville worked the second degree on one candidate last night.

The degree staff of Victoria lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., will participate in the institution of a new lodge of the order at Gloucester, Saturday evening, Dec. 31.

A a meeting of Post 120 last night, it was voted to hold a joint installation of officers with the Women's Relief Corps on the first Wednesday in January.

DRACUT.

The last December meeting of the Grange was held Monday evening with a large attendance. Several lady members responded to the roll call who did not answer to their names at the last meeting, according to the order of the lecturer, and read humorous selections, occupying the early part of the evening. After intermission a report of the State Grange, which was held in Worcester last week, was given by Worthy Master Geo. A. H. Richardson, and listened to with much interest. This was followed by a lively discussion, "Does farming pay as well as other occupations, considering the amount of money invested?" Disputants, Messrs. Calvin Richardson, E. A. Stevens, S. R. Kitchen, Selden Coburn, George H. Stevens, Walter Harvey, Walter Coburn, D. Nute Cluff, Norman Peavey and Mrs. George H. Richardson. Sentiment of the house was 12 for affirmative and 10 negative.

Installation of officers will be held the first Monday in January. Supper under the supervision of George H. Stevens and E. S. Howe.

There is much sickness in town. Selectman Charles Jones, who has been very ill with pneumonia and heart trouble, is said to be a litle better and hope is entertained for his recovery.

Saturday evening the primary and kindergarten departments of the Sunday school will give the entertainment. There will be the usual tree, and Santa in all his glory will be there and dispense gifts to the children.

Sunday morning there will be Christmas service. Special music has been prepared by the choir, assisted by an orchestra of five pieces, Mr. Will Hallowell leader of the orchestra. Prominent speakers from the city will interest the audience. Address by pastor.

The Ladies' Aid have decided to hold their annual fair the third week in January, and preparations are being made for a social and profitable occasion. Committees on sales tables will be announced later. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harvey are to have charge of the supper.

CHELMSFORD.

The second number in the course of free lectures under the direction of the Literary union of Chelmsford was given in the town hall last evening. It was an impersonation of the characters in Shakespeare's drama of Julius Caesar by Rev. A. C. White of Ware. There was a good attendance although not quite as large as at the opening lecture, due, no doubt, to less favorable weather conditions. Rev. E. C. Bartlett of the lecture committee presided. Mr. White is no stranger to a Chelmsford audience as last year in the Union course he gave a fine presentation of Hamlet. His work last evening was of a high order showing a most tenacious memory, marked versatility, and the ability to bring out strongly the salient trials of the dramatis personae.

It was announced that the third lecture will be given Saturday afternoon, Jan. 7, at 2.30 o'clock when the venerable statesman, Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell of Groton, will speak upon "Incidents of the Civil War." Mr. Boutwell's national reputation together with the fact that he was not merely an observer of affairs at that period but a participant in congressional action, will give to his words both interest and weight.

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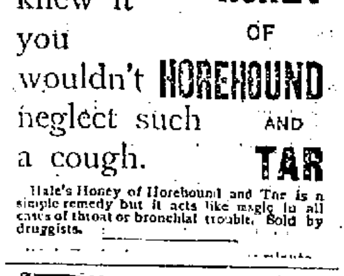
Justice of the Peace Hayes of Jersey City, aroused from sleep early yesterday by a couple who desired to be married, found to his surprise when he hurried downstairs, that the groom to be was his son James.

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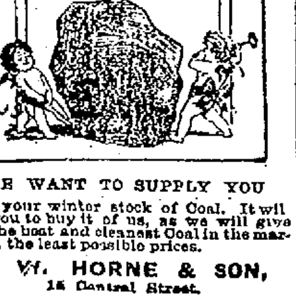
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NEW HERO FOUND

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IN THE FAMOUS BATTLE OF CAVITE.

Ensign Ward Praised by Spanish Admiral.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The official reports of all commanding officers of the navy during the war have been compiled and published by the navy department. While treating of events that have already figured in published official reports, the documents still contain many minor reports that throw side-lights on interesting phases of the war.

In the brief record of the proceedings of the naval war board, an unknown hero is brought to light in the person of Ensign H. H. Ward, who at the beginning of the war was on duty in the navigating bureau. He volunteered for secret service duty, and his exploits, about which nothing has been said in the past, may well be placed on record beside those of other heroes. Within a week after the declaration of war, Ensign Ward disguised himself and went straight into the heart of the enemy's country, making his headquarters at Cadiz, the principal Spanish naval station, and informing the navy department here of the actual strenght of the Spanish naval vessels and their movements. Then he went to the West Indies and reported everything that was going on there of importance to the American navy. Next he went, in disguise, to Porto Rico, where he was arrested as a suspected spy. By adroitness he managed to secure his release, and, escaping from San Juan, cabled the navy department a full account of the defenses there and the preparations making for the reception of the Spanish squadron under Cervera. All this time even the officials of the navy department were under the impression that Mr. Ward was engaged in installing a system of coast signals on the New England coast. While Ward was in Porto Rico, Ensign Buck, another attache of the navigation bureau, was on the shores of the Mediterranean, in disguise, watching every movement of the squadron under Admiral Camara, which started for the Philippines, but turned back.

Of the strategy board itself, it is said that it was part of its duty to keep informed of all of the movements, resources and plans of the Spanish naval forces through secret agents, and it is now known that the navy was thus informed of all important movements. At times, however, information was conflicting, and decisions had to be made as to which report was true.

The reports of the famous naval battle at Cavite include one from Consul General Wildman. Following it is a report to his government on the same engagement by Admiral Montijo, the commander-in-chief of the ill-fated Spanish fleet. The admiral depicts the bad condition of the Spanish fleet and defenses. He says that the cruiser Castilla was incapable of maneuvering on account of her bad condition, while the defenses at the entrance of Subic bay were very backward. With much disgust he found that the guns which should have been mounted were delayed a month and a half, and he was no less disgusted to find that reliance was had for the defense of the port upon a few torpedoes, not properly placed. Finding Subic bay defenseless, the Spanish squadron repaired to the bay of Manila to meet battle under less unfavorable conditions. The admiral avoided the city, not wishing to draw fire upon it, and prepared his fleet for action, painting his vessels a dark grey, and having the fires spread and springs on all the cables. He says that the forces of Dewey's vessels, leaving out transports, amounted to 21,410 tons, 49,280 horse-power, 163 guns, many rapid-fire; 1750 men, and an average velocity of 17 miles. Against this power of his only five effective ships was 10,111 tons, 11,200 horse-power, 76 guns, very short of rapid-fire; 1875 men and maximum speed of 12 miles.

The admiral describes in vivid language the terrible effect of the American onslaught on the Spanish vessels. He says: The Americans fired most rapidly. There came upon us numerous projectiles, as the three cruisers at the end of the line devoted themselves almost entirely to fighting the Cristina, my flagship. A short time after the action commenced, one shell exploded in the forecastle and put out of action all those who served the four rapid-fire cannon.

"Meantime another shell exploded in the orlop deck, setting fire to the crew's bags. At 7:30 one shell destroyed completely the steering gear, another destroyed the mizzen, bringing down my flag and ensign. Another shell exploded on the poop and put out of action nine men. A fresh shell exploded in the officers' cabin, covering the hospital with blood, destroying the wounded who were being treated there. Another exploded in the ammunition room. I had to flood the magazine when the cartridges began to explode. One large shell penetrated the fire room, putting out of action one master gunner and 12 men serving the guns; another rendered useless the starboard bow gun, and, while the fire increased astern, another fire started forward from another shell. The boardside guns continued firing until there were only one gun and one seaman remaining unhurt for serving them. The ship being out of control, the hull, smoke pipe, and mast riddled with shot, or confused with the cries of the wounded, among whom were seven officers, I gave the order to sink and abandon the ship before the magazines exploded."

The story of the loss of the Castella was substantially the story of the loss of all the other Spanish ships, and Admiral Montijo sums up his account with this statement:

"The inefficiency of the vessels which composed my little squadron, the lack of all classes of personnel, especially master gunners and seamen gunners, the inaptitude of some of the provisional machinists, the scarcity of rapid-fire cannon, the strong crews of the enemy and the unperfected character of the greater part of our vessels all contributed to make much more decided the sacrifice which we made for our country, and to prevent the possibility of the horrors of a bombardment of the city of Manila, with the conviction that with the scarcity of our forces against the superior enemy we were going to certain death and could expect a loss of all our ships. Our casualties, including those of the arsenal, amounted to 381 men killed and wounded."

An evidence of the strategy exhibited by the navy department in sending reinforcements to Dewey is shown in a dispatch of June 27, informing him of the coming of the Monadnock. Probably with a view to preventing him from falling into a trap, she was not dispatched directly to Manila, but was ordered to a point 600 miles due east from Cape Engano, where she was to meet one of Dewey's ships.

Apparently the first suggestion of the organization of the flying squadron which was to divert Admiral Camara's squadron from its voyage to Manila came from Dewey, for in a dispatch of June 27, he says: "In my judgment if the coast of Spain is threatened the squadron of the enemy will have to return," and that was exactly what happened.

The report of the operations of the north Atlantic fleet comprises the larger part of the printed matter. Most of the facts have already appeared, but there is an interesting exchange of letters between Secretary Long and Admiral Sampson, showing that even before the outbreak of the war, the admiral had worked out a complete plan for the immediate reduction of Havana with his own squadron, unsupported, and was only prevented from carrying out that plan by orders from the department, which wished to protect the big ironclads.

There is a lively report from Captain Sigsbee of the engagement between the St. Paul, under his command, and the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror, which resulted in the flight of the latter in a sinking condition into the harbor, where she was run aground to prevent her from sinking. Captain Folger of the cruiser New Orleans testifies to the damage done by the shot of the St. Paul, repeating the testimony of an English resident of San Juan, who examined the Terror.

An unpublished report up to this time is one of Admiral Schley, dated June 1, giving an account of the bombardment by his fleet of the fortifications of Santiago, the day before Sampson arrived on the scene. The report says in part:

"None of our vessels were struck, although the shots fell over and around them. I have learned from the insurgents that the Reina Mercedes was struck by a shell and eight men were killed; also that a number of shots struck the Morro. The reconnaissance developed the fact that the Spanish vessels are in the harbor, and that the fortifications are well provided with long-range guns of large calibre."

IN WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY.

Sad Sequel to Domestic Troubles of the Marchioness of Donegal.

London, Dec. 22.—Miserably clad and apparently in acute destitution, the Marchioness of Donegal applied yesterday for admittance to the Great Northern hospital, from which place she was removed to the Islington workhouse infirmary. She explained that she was homeless and not willing to communicate with her wealthy friends, or with her husband, who is suffering from pneumonia.

The story of the life of the marchioness is painful. She left her husband in 1873, and in 1889 instituted separation proceedings, at which counter charges of misconduct were made. Unsavory details of their conjugal life were also bandied about. The marchioness failed to obtain alimony and has since received assistance from her friends. In May last she broke her leg in a hotel elevator and was taken to a hospital.

The marquis has had a troubled financial career. He was declared a bankrupt in 1880, with liabilities estimated at £515,815. He then said he considered he was justified in raising half a million of money, in view of the fact that he had prospects of succeeding to an estate of £50,000 a year. But, owing to the entail, he only succeeded to £180 a year. He was mixed up in financial flotation this year, when he lent his name to a company prospectus, which caused The Star to criticise him as "a peer with a record of disgracing the order to which he belonged."

THE SPANISH CABINET CRISIS.

London, Dec. 22.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard says: Much surprise is expressed that Senor Sagasta should be seeking a rather compromising alliance with the Weyler party. It is supposed that his idea is to compensate for the loss of some 30 senators and 60 deputies who acceded with Senor Camazo, the leader of the discontented Liberals. General Weyler is coming here to confer with the premier, who is expected to accept also the advances of Senor Robledo and Senor Canalejas. This political trimming may prolong the existence of the cabinet, but many influential Liberals absolutely decline to accept the suggested allies, while the Conservatives refuse to believe that the queen regent will consent to such a solution of the grave crisis.

HARRISON TOO PREVIOUS.

Havana, Dec. 22.—It now appears that the raising of the Stars and Stripes over Fort Atares Tuesday by Major Harrison was a surprise to both the United States and the Spanish military commissioners. The American commissioners had agreed that no American flags should be raised until Jan. 1. Major Harrison did not know this, and, when told to occupy the fort with a detachment of the First North Carolina regiment, he promptly raised the flag. Nevertheless, though it flies in full sight of the harbor and city, the Spaniards have not complained, and it has not been ordered down.

GERMANY ALONE CONCERNED.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The North German Gazette, in announcing that the imperial meat inspection bill is now ready to be submitted to the bundesrath, says: The introduction of a uniform system of inspection has long been contemplated and is purely a German affair with which we alone are concerned.

SENTENCED FOR BURGLARY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Mishawaka, Ind., Dec. 21—Frederick Von Hartmann, aged 27, son of Baron Von Hartmann, of Cologne, Germany, has been sentenced to five years in the state prison by Judge Buck of Kalamazoo county for burglary.

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BILLERICA.

The Billerica friends of Mr. George Gregg of Waltham are grieved to learn of his illness and hope for his speedy recovery.

The social supper given at the Orthodox church on Wednesday eve of last week was much enjoyed by many from other societies, who shared the cordial feast of viands as well as of reason and the happy flow of friendliness as well as the "flow of soul."

The young ladies of the town enjoy their embroidery club and artistic work is being done by them.

The whist club met with Mrs. Beck of South Billerica this week.

Deacon King, who unfortunately both dislocated and fractured his wrist recently, is said to be doing well. Neither the inconvenience nor the suffering has daunted his energy and activity.

There was present in the congregation at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the venerable Mrs. William Blanchard, and the circumstance was notable, as the day had brought to her the 87th anniversary of her birth. Many gave cordial greeting to her, and Rev. Mr. Simons spoke from the pulpit fitting words of congratulations for her presence with us as a renewal of her old-time association with the place of worship.

Next Sunday there will be the observance of a Christmas communion service. In the evening the Sunday school will hold a Christmas concert.

On Saturday evening, December 24th a Christmas festival for the Sunday school children and their friends will be given in the vestry of the Unitarian church, beginning promptly at 6.30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Benevolent circle, which met on Thursday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Hawes, was well attended. There was a pleasant, social evening. Local charities are receiving laudable attention by this circle.

At the next regular meeting in January of the Women's Alliance, it is expected Rev. M. O. Simons will give a talk.

The schools in town will have a week's vacation at Christmas.

The Young People's Religious union, announcing the Heritage meeting on Forefathers' Day, at the First church in Boston, received cordial acceptance. For the church in Billerica, Mrs. Frederick S. Clark was chosen reception committee for the delegates. Rev. Mr. Simons prepared a sketch of the church history.

The sad tiding of the tragic death of the well known musical instructor, Fred L. Diman, was received with feelings of great sorrow by his many Billerica friends.

POPE LEO'S VIEWS

Would Have the United States Generous.

NOBLE SENTIMENTS OF THE HOLY FATHER.

All Earth's Children God's Children.

CORONER'S JURY REPORTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 21.—The coroner's jury, which has been conducting an inquest upon the death of Mrs. Laura M. Moses at North Pembroke, Dec. 9, re-entered a verdict this morning that deceased came to her death as the result of a wound from a bullet from a revolver discharged by some person or persons unknown.

E. A. HITCHCOCK

Nominated for Secretary of the Interior.

IS NOW AMBASSADOR TO TO RUSSIA.

A California Man is Also Placed.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21—The president today nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri to be secretary of the interior. F. W. Johnson of California to be register of the land office, at Marysville, Cal.

Mr. Hitchcock is at present ambassador to Russia. He was appointed minister more than a year ago and when the rank was raised to an embassy he was reappointed.

FROM THE PORTLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Highland Light, Mass., Dec. 21.—Keeper Lewis of Nauset Lighthouse found the body of a man on the shore early this morning. It is thought to be one of the Portland victims uncovered from its burial place in the sand by yesterday's storm. The body was in very bad condition.

INDICTED FOR PERJURY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 21—The grand jury of Hampshire county today returned indictment for perjury against Louis Warner, former treasurer of the Hampshire County Savings bank, who is at present under indictment for embezzlement. The trial on the embezzlement charges will begin December 27.

MICHAEL BURKE DROWNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Michael Burke was seized with a fit while on the New England Fish company's wharf here this forenoon, and falling into the water, was drowned.

PETER BROUSSEAU DROWNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 21.—Peter Brousseau and Louis Chaput, boys, were sliding on Hebronville pond this forenoon when the ice broke. Chaput was saved, but Brousseau drowned before he could be reached.

IN CONGRESS.

Few Members Attended To-day's Session.

Bailey's Resolution Adopted Without a Division—Favorable Report on Bill to Provide a Government for Hawaiian Islands.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—There were less than fifty members on the floor of the house today.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal, Mr. Henderson (Rep. Iowa), from the committee on rules reported back favorably the Bailey resolutions directing the Judiciary Committee to investigate and report upon the question as to whether the members of the house who had accepted commissions in the army during the late war, had by so doing vacated their seats in the House. He asked for immediate consideration and the resolution was adopted without division.

Mr. Wheeler (Dem. Ala.), Mr. Colson (Rep. Ky.), Mr. Robbins (Rep. Pa.), and Mr. Campbell (Dem. Ill.), are the members of the house who volunteered for the Spanish-American war. None of them was present when the investigation was ordered today.

The bill reported from the ways and means committee authorizing the shipment in bond of reported merchandise in less than car lots, was passed.

Some miscellaneous business of minor importance, was transacted.

The speaker announced the resignation of Mr. Alexander of New York, from the committee on civil service and census, and his appointment on the river and harbor committee.

At 1.05 p. m., the house adjourned under the joint resolution, until noon, January 4, 1899.

IN THE SENATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—At the opening of today's session of the senate, Mr. Cullom (Ill.), reported favorably from the committee on foreign relations, the bill to provide a government for the Hawaiian Islands.

On behalf of Mr. Carter (Mont.) who was absent, Mr. Chandler offered a resolution providing for the distribution of the appropriations bills among the several standing committees of the senate and so amending the existing rules of the senate as to make such distribution possible. The resolution together with the necessary formal notice of an intention to attempt to amend the rules, was referred to the committee on rules. The senate then adjourned to January 4.

FIRE IN ANDOVER

Blaze Broke Out in the Big Mill.

THE LOSS WILL REACH $30,000.

Many Persons Thrown Out of Work.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

North Andover, Mass., Dec. 21.—Fire broke out at 6.20 o'clock this morning on the attic floor of the North Andover mill here. The flames spread so rapidly on the upper floors that the local fire department could not cope with it and Lawrence was called upon for assistance. The fire was under control at 9 o'clock and had been confined to the two upper stories upon which were located the mule spinning, card and waste rooms. Other departments on the lower floors were thoroughly wetted down. The loss is estimated at $30,000; fully insured. The mill is a four-story brick structure with attic, 49x176 feet, and is owned by the heirs of the Eben Sutton estate. William Sutton of Salem is the treasurer of the company. The fire will throw about 135 operatives out of work.

REPAIRING THE CABLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 21.—The cable steamer Minia sailed this morning to resume work on the Anglo-American cable, which was broken during the gale, Nov. 27th. The ends of the cable already have been picked up and buoyed.

SENOR SAGASTA.

WILL HOLD A CONFERENCE WITH SENOR MONTERO RIOS TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—Senor Sagasta, the premier, is in better health today but he is still confined to his room. He will confer with Senor Montero Rios today.

Many generals and politicians have called upon Marshal Blanco, the former captain general of Cuba who will be received by the Queen Regent during the course of the day.

AN ELECTION TROUBLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 21.—Advices received here from Samoa, under date of December 16, say there is serious trouble in connection with the election of a king to succeed the late King Malietoa. The supporters of Matafa have become warlike and it is reported that the German consul is supporting Matafa.

LOSS IS $80,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Malden, Mo., Dec. 21.—Fire yesterday destroyed 25 business houses and two residences. The fire originated in the rear of the Sexton Merchandise company's block, which was owned by the Jerome Hill cotton company of St. Louis. It is believed to have been of incendiary origin. Total loss is about $80,000.

103 YEARS OLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 21.—Martha Leonard died in Dighton yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, in the 103d year of her age.

FRANK FOSS INDICTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 21.—The United States court grand jury brought in two indictments this noon against Frank E. Foss, ex-postmaster at Hill, for the embezzlement of United States funds. Foss pleaded not guilty on both counts. His bail was reduced from $5,000 to $3,000 and he will be tried at the March term.

A BIG SENSATION

In the Standard Oil Investigation.

OFFICIALS KNEW OF THE COURT'S DECISION

Before It Had Been Given Out.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—Developments of a sensational nature in the Standard Oil investigation came to light today when Attorney General Monnett began taking depositions for the purpose of proving that the Standard Oil company, just previous to the issuance of a recent order by the supreme court, that the books of the company be produced in evidence, had destroyed a large number of its books.

Upon the strength of information received by the attorney general from reliable business men and attorneys that it could be proved that the Standard Oil company had burned a lot of its books, journals, ledgers and other valuable books, the state served notice upon the Standard Oil company that depositions would be taken before a notary in the office of Attorney Harry C. Mason in this city today.

During the investigation of the Standard Oil Trust before Commissioner Brinsmaid, a few weeks ago, the Standard Oil company refused to produce its books in evidence. The matter was taken to the supreme court and on Dec. 7, that court ordered the Standard Oil company to produce its books covering the period from 1892 to 1897, to show whether the Standard Oil company had paid dividends during that time to the holders of the trust certificates. Previous to the decision of the supreme court, Virgil P. Kline, attorney for the Standard Oil company spent several days at Columbus and it is alleged that he received information beforehand in regard to the court's decision and at once notified the officials of the Standard Oil company. Attorney General Monnett expects to be able to prove that the officials of the Standard Oil company destroyed their books three or four nights before the supreme court ordered F. B. Squire, secretary of the company, to produce the company's books in evidence.

GENEROUS OFFER.

TO RAISE $10,000 FOR SOLDIERS MONUMENT.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 21, 1898.

To the Editor of The Sun—

I am very much intersted in the agitation for a monument in respect to the memory of those losing their lives in the late war, and I trust that Mr. Rose's ideas will prevail. Now here is an opportunity to make an excellent move in the interest of the city as well as the object mentioned. Let the triangular piece of land fronting the new post office, upon which is located Burbeck's restaurant be purchased and turned into a public square and in the centre erect the monument. The location is superb and the monument there placed will be a great credit to all interested and add much toward beautifying our city. For this purpose if located as indicated, I will guarantee to raise a subscription of ten thousand dollars. I trust that Mr. Rose will push the matter forward as rapidly as possible. Real estate can be secured now at a low price.

AMERICAN.

MILLS WILL START.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Blackstone, Mass., Dec. 21.—The large woolen mill here bought by William Fletcher of Providence, last spring, is to be started very soon. The factory is one of the largest in this vicinity and will employ 300 hands. It has been shut down for several years.

GENERAL MILES

Testified Before War Investigating Commission.

He Gave His Evidence in Unhesitating Way—Had Shafter Acted Right the Army Would Have Been Better Supplied.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Lieut. Col. Miley, Gen. Shafter's chief of staff, testified before the war investigating commission today concerning the Santiago campaign, told the positions of the lines of the two armies before Santiago and said the Spanish lines were so conspicuous that there was no necessity for any reconnaissance to determine them. He said there was no doubt that there were Spanish sharpshooters between the Spanish and American lines, but he was unable to find a single instance of Spanish sharpshooters firing on our hospitals in the rear or of their firing on our flanks. He spoke of the two mile range of the Spanish rifles and describing the American position on San Juan hill, said it would have been far more dangerous for the men to have been a half mile in the rear than to remain where they did.

General Miles took the stand next.

"Are you willing to be sworn?" he was asked.

"I think," was the reply, "that I can tell the same story as if I was sworn."

He said when the transports were loaded it was found impossible to put more than 15,000 men aboard and they were equipped as well as possible under the circumstances. "It was most fortunate," he said "that the transports had good weather. If they had encountered a severe storm the loss of life or the suffering at least, must have been fearful. As it was, with fair weather, the men below, crowded in with the mules and supplies, could get on deck which would have been impossible otherwise."

The commissary stores taken, he said, were sufficient, but the medical supplies were inadequate. He had left the landing, except for general directions, to the corps commander, Gen. Shafter. He found just before sailing that there were a number of pontoon boats being taken which would be utterly useless for the purpose and he himself had secured two barges from the owners there and had taken other steps but the supply of such boats taken was very inadequate. "The expedition," he continued "should have been furnished with launches, naphtha or steam, or tugs for towing barges from the ships to the shore. We relied largely on the engineer officers and the engineer department for these. In the second expedition to Porto Rico these were furnished but they arrived too late to render much assistance."

He said that before the first fleet sailed from Tampa estimates had been definitely made of the number of boats to be furnished the transports and the number to be furnished by the navy to assist. The most cordial assistance, he added, had been promised on the part of the navy. At Santiago the supply of tentage and food was very limited.

General Miles said the transportation facilities were used to carry supplies to some 15,000 or 20,000 refugees from Santiago and about 5,000 Cuban troops. "This," he stated in answer to a question, "was not expected, because I had cautioned General Shafter to keep the men away from the natives and out of the Spanish buildings of every character. Had he not done as he did, the army would have been much better supplied."

His army in Porto Rico, he said, had been supplied in a way with quartermasters' and commissary stores but not in the best way. At Porto Rico, he had asked that fixed rations be sent but instead they were sent down in bulk, without invoices or bills of lading, and in many instances stores were spoiled in the hold and thrown away. This caused great embarrassment and loss of stores and deprived troops of food and he asserted the scarcity of food largely caused the distress of the troops. He had advised against the shipping of beef to Porto Rico, both because there was abundance of it on the island as well as his belief that it was defective. He characterized the refrigerator beef, of which there were 327 tons sent as "embalmed beef" and said the canned fresh beef, of which 198,000 pounds had been shipped there, was condemned by officers whose commands used it.

"Who fixed that beef as an army ration?"

"You'll have to ask some one here in Washington. You had better ask the secretary of war or commissary general. It was sent as food. If they had not taken that they would have had to go hungry. If they had sent paymasters down there, as I asked, we could have bought food, but they did not do that."

General Miles suggested that the food was sent to his large army under pretense of an experiment.

THE FEDERATION

Re-Affirms Former Declarations on Bi-Metallism.

RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Delegates Have Started for Home.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—The delegates of the 18th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, have left for their homes. One of the last acts of the convention was the adoption by a practically unanimous vote of the following resolution introduced by Max Morris of Denver, Col.:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this convention that the action of this body in substituting for the resolution of John Kirby concerning the gold standard a resolution re-affirming all the former declarations of the American Federation of Labor relating to the principle of bi-metallism, does not in any degree mean the abandonment of that principle by the American Federation of Labor, but means that it is so strongly intrenched in the labor movement that it is not necessary at this time to debate the question."

YALE'S FUNDS.

IN NO WAY INVOLVED BY THE FAILURE OF MASON & CO.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21.—The report to the effect that Yale University was involved in the bankruptcy of the firm of Mason & Co., of which the late Edward G. Mason was the head, was called to the attention of President Dwight today. The president admitted that certain loans had been negotiated by the college through Mason & Co., but he felt sure that they were satisfactory and that the funds of the university were in no way involved by the failure.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Threatening weather, probably light rain tonight; cloudy Thursday; variable winds.

The Glenmore club will hold its second annual sociable in Prescott hall on Dec. 23.

PILGRIM HAS NOT DOCKED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 21—The Fall River line at 1 o'clock this afternoon stated that the Pilgrim, which should have docked early in the day, had not put in an appearance, but she is probably anchored in Long Island Sound, on account of the dense fog.

DAMAGED BY FIRE

Two Blocks in Greenfield Were Burned.

SCHOOL HOUSE WAS ALSO DAMAGED.

The Loss Will be About $10,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 21.—Two blocks in the business part of the village of Conway were burned early this morning and the schoolhouse was damaged. One of the burned buildings, a two-story wooden block, owned by A. Lawrence of Haydenville, contained the residence of Dr. C. F. Clough and the doctor and his family narrowly escaped with their lives. On the ground floor Harvey Townsend, general merchant; Frank Cook, bicycle and stove dealer and another occupant, lost most of their stock. The second building was also of wood and was occupied by Germain & Cook, millinery; E. C. Foote, undertaker and cabinet worker, and as a residence by Mr. Foote. The absence of wind prevented the destruction of the greater part of the village. The total loss is estimated at $10,000.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Montreal, Dec. 21—The Greenshields block, which was burned last night, was one of the finest warehouse and office buildings in the Dominion. It was six stories high and built of stone. Messrs. Greenshields and company's loss will probably reach $500,000, fully covered by insurance. The building of Duncan McIntire & Sons wholesale dry goods store, was valued at $200,000. They carried a stock valued at $250,000. Both buildings with their contents were totally destroyed.

PRINCE GEORGE'S ARRIVAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Canea, Crete, Dec. 21.—Prince George of Greece, the High Commissioners of the Powers, arrived at Suda Bay today, escorted by the British, French, Russian and Italian flagships.

PURITAN OVERDUE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 21.—The Fall River line steamer Puritan, which left New York at her usual time last night was 11 hours overdue at 1 o'clock this afternoon and it is believed the delay is due to fog.

CONTINENTAL HALL BURNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 21.—Fire destroyed the Continental Hall building in Paterson, N. J., today, causing a loss of $60,000; fully insured.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:11; sets, 4:16.
Moon sets—3:14 a. m.
Full sea—7:30 a. m.; 8:15 p. m.

Rain may be expected in New England, the middle and north Atlantic and lake regions, Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys. The weather will clear in the south Atlantic and east gulf states, and will be generally fair in all other districts.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.

We have our usual large assortment of dolls, toys, sleds, skates and fancy china ware. Dickson Bros., the big Tea dealers, 65 Merrimack St.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of nice prayer books, all prices. Pearl rosaries, cases, statues, sanctuary lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present, at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

LOCAL NEWS.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred Cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins, 223 Central street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 439-4.

For your Christmas dinner call at the Merrimack square market.

Steinert's Mammoth Music Store open every evening this week.

Fairburn's market at Merrimack square is the place to get bargains.

To realize the heat in coal, buy some of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike St.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens for sale at Miss Hard's school, 31 Hildreth Building.

Banjos, guitars, mandolins for Christmas. W. E. Stratton, 14 Hildreth building.

Bargains in unredeemed Diamonds, from $20.00 up. Can't duplicate them in New England. Harris, 10 Appleton St.

President George H. Taylor anticipates being absent for a week before assuming the new dignity of alderman.

It has come—the need for that coal. Rourke & Sullivan will furnish you the very best. 91 Gorham street, and 223 Central street.

A course of shorthand for your daughter would make a fine Christmas gift. Obtain it at Miss Hard's school. First class in all respects.

Winter term begins January 2nd at Miss Hard's school. Shorthand and typewriting exclusively taught by the latest and most improved methods.

If you are in doubt what to do for your son or daughter for Christmas, why not give them a course of shorthand and typewriting at Miss Hard's school? Nothing will yield you better returns.

Col. Barrett, whose death resulted from a fall from a third story window in Concord, Mass., was well known in Lowell and was a guest of Old Middlesex chapter, S. A. R., this week at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neale on Beacon street.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The postponed race at Long Meadow which was scheduled for yesterday afternoon was not trotted, owing to the unfavorable condition of the track.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Hon. J. W. Fairbanks of Boston gave a lecture last night at the High school hall under the auspices of the Frederic T. Greenhalge debating society. He told the story of Marcus Whitman and the development of the great northwest, illustrated with good lantern slides. It was an entertaining and instructive talk, especially valuable to young students of American history, and was full of the spirit of patriotism. Every patriotic sentiment was heartily cheered by the young people in the audience.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

One day last week, Mr. S. A. Brigham, the veteran depotmaster at the Middlesex street station, while giving instructions to his men in reference to transferring some baggage, was struck on the head by a falling trunk from one of the baggage trucks, inflicting a very ugly scalp wound, which required several stitches. Mr. Brigham reported for duty next day, feeling not much the worse from the effects of the blow and has been receiving congratulations from his many friends for escaping a very serious accident.

NORTH BILLERICA.

It is announced by the school committee that the public schools will close on Friday, the 23d, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 2d, of the new year. Christmas trees will add interest to the closing exercises at the Kindergarten and Talbot schools. There will be a tree and supper at the Baptist church, Saturday evening and a concert appropriate to Christmas on Sunday evening. The post office will soon be transferred to the new building erected by the Talbot mills company.

The Christmas sale by the ladies of the First Baptist church and the entertainment in the evening given by the young people of the North Billerica Baptist church on December 15th, was an occasion of much success. The program of the entertainment consisted of chorus by all; song, selected, Mr. James Ritchie; recitation, Miss Sarah Balmforth; solo and chorus, Mr. S. Stott; chorus by all; duet, Miss A. Wain and Mr. A. Ellis; reading, Miss M. E. Stott; solo, Mr. Arthur Ellis; harmonica and piano duet; closing chorus "Good Night".

SCHOOL AND HOME.

VALUABLE TALK TO MOTHERS AND TEACHERS AT THE CLUB.

Before the education department of the Women's club, yesterday, Miss Margaret Warner Morley of Boston, an experienced educator, spoke to mothers and teachers on the subject "The Renewal of Life; How and When to Tell the Story to the Children." The subject was handled in a dignified manner and the right of every child to definite, pure and correct teaching on the subject of the important functions of life was strongly insisted upon by the speaker. The topic was technically considered and the opportunity to ask questions was improved in a thoughtful manner by several of the ladies present.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, benefit the debilitated.

Dr. Collins Dentist Merrimack St.

HE WAS KNOWN

Charles Sullivan of Manchester, N. H.

WHO DIED ON A TRAIN YESTERDAY.

Was a Prosperous Business Man There.

The many Lowell friends of Charles Sullivan, one of Manchester's best known men were grieved when news was received in this city of his death which took place on Tuesday morning of pulmonary phthisis. Mr. Sullivan had been ailing for a few years and early last spring removed to Southern Pines, N. C., on the advice of his physician with the hope of recuperating from the effects of the dread disease. John Collins, the father-in-law of the dead man, visited the south last week with the intention of returning with the invalid, who did not show signs of gaining health in that clime. They left Southern Pines on Sunday and Mr. Sullivan showed no signs of weakening until they had reached Massachusetts, when he grew weaker and shortly after the train left Nashua, he rapidly sank and passed away in the arms of Mrs. Sullivan, who had gone to North Carolina in company with her husband. At the Manchester passenger station a large number of friends had gathered to greet him and they were much shocked at hearing the sad news of his death.

Charles Sullivan was born in Montpelier, Vt., thirty-three years ago and received his education in St. Michael's parochial school of that town, from which he graduated. At the close of his school career he entered the employ of a large grocery firm, which position he held until he removed to Manchester thirteen years ago. He then entered the employ of William, familiarly known as "Billy" Hurd on Manchester street, Manchester, as clerk and was afterwards associated with William Hayes on Central street in the Queen City, filling a like position. In December, 1891, together with his partner, Michael Lawlor, he opened a cafe on Nutfield Lane, also in Manchester, which business he was associated with up to the time of his death.

He was a popular member of the Moose club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Manchester and was well known throughout New England racing circles, being a prominent horseman and a particular friend of the late Thomas J. McLaughlin who was buried in Lowell yesterday. Mr. Sullivan is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mary Regina of Manchester, who accompanied him on his last trip, and a mother, Mrs. Sullivan of Lincoln, Neb.; five brothers, John of Boston, Timothy of Chester, Vt., William of Omaha, Fred of Lincoln, Neb., Edward of Manchester. He also leaves four sisters, all residing at Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Sullivan, the widow of the young man, is nearly prostrated with grief and she has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

KENWOOD.

The pupils at the Kenwood school, under the direction of the efficient and popular teacher, Miss Whitford, devoted a part of Tuesday to musical and literary exercises appropriate to Christmas. The following highly interesting program was carried out:

Magic lantern exhibition; song, "O Kenwood School," written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue; song by school, "We Are Happy Fairies;" recitation, Coburn Fife; recitation, "A Little Schemer," Mamie Irvin; song, "Christmas Soldiers," by school; recitation, "O, That Christmas Stocking," James Farley; song, "Happy Christmas" Katie and Annie Farley; dialogue by primary class, led by Louisa Selsam; recitation in costume, by Beatrice Jeffcock, "In Imitation Japanese;" song by Kate and Anne Farley; recitation by Anthony Irvin; dialogue, "Adaptation from Little Women;"—Mrs. March, Amy Goodhue; Meg, Kate Farley; Joe, Anne Farley; Amy, Emma McLeon; Billie, Beatrice Jeffcock; recitation, Charles McLeon; song, "O Christmas Tree," by school; Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Mr. Vinal; distribution of presents; duet, Jewsharp and harmonica, Mr. Will Irvin and Mr. Jones; phonograph; A song which was sung by the school was written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue of Kenwood.

UNAUATHORIZED.

It is learned that a young woman is going about the Highlands soliciting 25 cents or a doll for the women's branch of the People's club, to be given away at Christmas time. This is wholly unauthorized. The Christmas work of the club is done without begging, and no one is permitted to solicit gifts in its behalf. The holiday enterprise of the women's branch is carried on without ostentation and the public is not asked to help as all the work is done by the girls who frequent the club rooms in the Swan building.

AT DAY NURSERIES.

The annual Christmas gatherings will be held at the Day Nurseries, 64 Kirk street and on First street, Centralville, upon the afternoon and evening of December 24th.

There will be Christmas trees with gifts for the children and supper will be served for the little ones and their friends.

Contributions of toys and fancy articles for the trees, or supplies of any kind for the table, are most earnestly solicited, and can be left at either nursery house at any time during the present week.

WILL BEGIN JANUARY 3.

The January circuit term of the supreme court of New Hampshire for Hillsborough county will be gin in the Manchester court house on Tuesday, January 3. Judges Peaslee and Young will sit and the term is expected to be a very busy one. There are 226 cases marked for the jury. The jury list has been printed and just been distributed.

Miss Edith E. Russell has returned from the Bible Normal College at Springfield.

Mrs. Arthur Blake and son of Taunton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ensley of Weed street.

THE ARMORY BALL

Brilliant Event by Co. G Soldiers.

MANY FAIR DANCERS GRACE OCCASION.

Bugle Calls Add to Romantic Scenes.

The armory last evening, was the scene of a brilliant gathering, it being the occasion of a military party, given under the auspices of Company G, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers. More than 300 couples enjoyed the dancing and there was a continuous scene of gaiety and graceful animation until an early hour this morning.

It was the second military ball held in Lowell since the war and like that of Company C proved a grand social and financial success. It will net the company a neat sum for the purpose of replacing some of the equipment which was rendered unfit for further use in the war.

The orchestra platform was draped with the national colors and rows of potted plants and tropical foliage made it a veritable beauty spot. Immediately above the platform was a mammoth floral spread eagle, the gift of Charles Miles to the company. From 8 to 9 o'clock Hibbard's orchestra entertained with one of its excellent programs, the numbers of which were as follows:

March "U. S. Cruiser Columbia" ..... Bowman
Overture, "Romantic" ..... Keler-Bela
Mazurka Caprice, "Humming Bird" ..... Banard
Fantasie on Hungarian Melodies ..... Tobani
Waltz de concert "Louise" ..... Owen

At 9 o'clock the grand march was started. Capt. and Mrs. William Fairweather led the procession and they were immediately followed by Lieut. George S. Howard and Miss Maggie Leckie, Lieut. and Mrs. Lewis G. Hunton, George H. Payne of Company H of Stoneham and Mrs. Fred G. Hunton, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon and Miss Agnes Roy, Corp. William Prescott and Miss Lizzie Fairweather, Quartermaster-Sergt. Frank Boyle and Miss Ellsworth, Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk and Miss Hartford. Lieut. Thos. Livingston of Company C was also in the march as were also several noncoms. and privates in the company including Sergt. Hahn, Sergt. Mitchell, and Corp. Savage.

There were about 150 couples in the march and when it developed into a waltz, there were fully 50 more couples upon the floor and fully 150 spectators in the gallery and around the sides of the hall.

The dance order was an excellent one of 21 numbers and extras with a half hour's intermission at midnight when light refreshments were served by Geo. S. Holt. The officers of the occasion were as follows:

General manager, Capt. William Fairweather; assistants, Lieut. George S. Howard and Lieut. Lewis G. Hunton; floor director, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon; assistant, Corp. William M. Prescott; chief aid, Quartermaster Sergeant Frank A. Boyle; aids, Privates Samuel Bushy, John A. Delmore, John J. Gair, William F. Hunt, Joseph F. Murphy, John W. O'Brien, James H. Pearson, Harold L. Young, Eugene R. McCann, Thomas S. Garity, Frank M. Iby, Thos. W. Doyle, Arthur Boucher, John Lowe. Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk was treasurer and Privates J. W. Hull and Frank J. Monroe did efficient work as ticket sellers at the door. Casimir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, also made himself useful by distributing orders as the guests entered the armory.

BUGLE CALLS.

There were no invited guests. The next military ball will have them though.

Privates McGlynn and Brophy, "the soldier boy twins" were among those present enjoying themselves. Both are now in excellent health.

Everybody was glad to see Armorer Carr around once more, he having recovered from his recent illness.

Casimir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, received his kindergarten instruction in the art of Terpsichore on this occasion.

Just before the grand march were heard the shrill notes of several military calls. They came from the bugle that was brought back from Porto Rico by Frank V. Parke. Musician Riggs of Company C was the bugler.

Those who did not care to dance were invited to the bowling alleys. The alleys were deserted all the evening.

"Sprocket" Holt was the caterer.

The final order for the muster out of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment was sent from Washington to Boston Tuesday by Adjt.-Gen. Corbin. The members of the regiment will assemble between Jan. 3 and 20 to receive their discharge papers.

The original Company M members as well as those who enlisted to go to the front will meet at the armory tonight. It is expected that a number of appointments to "non-com" positions will be discussed, as there are several vacancies to fill.

First Lieutenant Harding of the provisional company that was organized last summer to take the place of Company M received an honorable discharge from Adjt. Gen. Dalton last night.

Private Poole of Company M has gone to Salt Lake city where his wife and children are living.

Private Frank Parks of Company C, Sixth Massachusetts regiment, will leave Monday for Americus, Ga., to join Company L of the Eighth Massachusetts, which is now encamped there.

On inquiry at the war department, Arthur F. Salmon, the mayor's agent, ascertained that there is not yet any official record of United States soldiers who died in the Spanish war.

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CAPT. WILLIAM FAIRWEATHER, General Manager of the Dance of Co. G. at the Armory Last Night.

PASTOR AND WIFE.

RECEPTION AT UNITARIAN CHURCH LAST NIGHT.

A reception was tendered last evening to Rev. Charles T. Billings, pastor of the Unitarian church, and wife, by the Young People's Fraternity, it being the occasion of the regular monthly meeting of this popular church organization. The vestry was handsomely decorated and Mr. and Mrs. Billings received their friends while standing under a special arrangement of electric lights interlwined with mistletoe and holly. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. The American orchestra furnished music and the evening was one of rare pleasure for all. The decorations were in charge of Miss Beard and the general arrangements in charge of the executive committee. The society announced that Mr. Louis C. Elson of Boston will give a lecture in the church vestry, Jan. 4, on "The History of National Music."

COLLINSVILLE.

THE EMMETT CLUB COMING TO THE FRONT.

The Emmet club will hold its first concert and ball Jan. 16, at Willow Dale. The Emmett and Jolly Eight clubs have been sturdy rivals in social affairs for some time and all the members are striving to make their respective organization's ventures successful. The Jolly Eight held their ball recently and it met with good financial results. Appearances are that the Emmets will meet with even greater success.

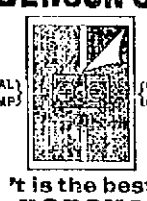
TOM McLAUGHLIN

THE LAWRENCE AMERICAN SPEAKS OF HIS DEATH.

Thomas J. McLaughlin, formerly of this city, died Monday noon at the Holiday farm in South Nashua, aged 55 years. Deceased was for many years the proprietor of the Franklin house at Lowell, retiring early in the present year to his farm where he hoped to regain his lost health. He suffered from a complication of diseases. Mr. McLaughlin enjoyed an extensive acquaintance in Lawrence and numbered some of our foremost citizens among his personal friends. Until late years he was a prominent figure on the race tracks of this and other states and has owned several speeders. He was a widower, his wife having died recently. He is survived by a brother and sister.—Lawrence American.

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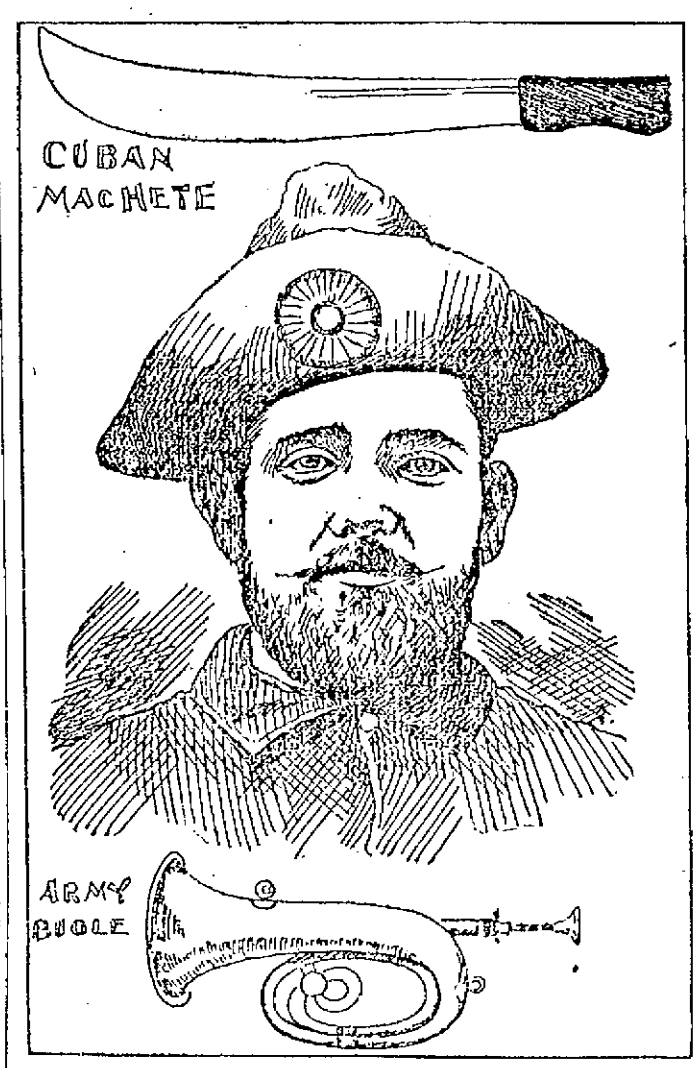


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PRIVATE FRANK G. PARKE, of the Sixth, Who Goes to Americus, Ga., on Monday Next to Join the Eighth Regiment. His Souvenirs Conspicuous at Last Night's Ball

PITIABLE DESTITUTION.

MOTHER OF TWO SMALL CHILDREN FOUND DYING OF CONSUMPTION.

Police Officer Horace Clements last evening discovered a pitiable case of destitution in a tenement on Wamesit street.

The occupants of the house were a mother, gradually wasting away with consumption and two small children, one three years of age and the other a nursing infant of eight weeks. The woman's name is Maggie McKinley who was employed as a Brussels weaver at the Carpet mills until she was forced to relinquish her position on account of her illness. Her husband, she said, has been down east with relatives for some time.

Officer Clements summoned the ambulance and had the family removed to the city farm.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The members of the Epworth league of the Central M. E. church held their sociable last night at the home of Rev. W. H. Meredith, 37 Eleventh street. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. On the committee of arrangements were Misses Ethel B. Paradis and Susan Meredith, Horace J. Paradis, John Gale and John McPhee.

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Low prices on Bureau Scarfs, Table Sets and Linen goods of all kinds.

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Special values in Hosiery and Underwear all of this week. They make very useful presents.

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A gentleman is always pleased with a Tie. Try one of our 25c. or 50c. Ties, made in the very latest shapes.

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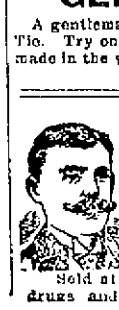
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TREATY OF PEACE

Its Ratification now Fully Assured.

THE DEMOCRATS WILL VOTE FOR IT.

The Real Contest on Expansion to Follow.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Clark Howell, member of the national Democratic committee from Georgia, and editor of the Atlnta Constitution, after consulting with the leaders of both of the political parties, telegraphed as follows to his paper:

"With the adjournment of congress for the holidays the final decision on the peace treaty is as clear as it will be after a vote has been taken in the senate. Two weeks ago the matter was in doubt; today it is ascertained that the treaty will be ratified as it will be that it has been after the vote has been taken.

"Mr. Bryan has been in Washington for several days and has conferred frequently and freely with the Democratic leaders in both the senate and the house. He has advised ratification of the treaty, and he is outspoken in the opinion that, aside from the question of national obligation, it is a matter of party policy for the Democrats to throw no obstacle in the way of ratification. There are leading Democrats of both the senate and house who less than a week ago were in doubt as to whether or not Democrats should assist in ratifying the treaty; more than that, some of them were outspoken in the opinion that it was perhaps better to reject it. Today, many of these Democratic leaders take open position that the treaty should be ratified, and that it will be no one who has studied the situation from the inside can have any reasonable doubt.

"It must not be understood that the ratification of the treaty will carry with it the assumption that all those who vote affirmatively are in favor of national expansion across the Pacific. Of the senators who will vote in favor of the treaty there will be Republicans as well as Democrats who are opposed in principle, as well as in theory, to the trans-Oceanic expansion of our national domain. They take, however, and very properly, the view that the question of expansion, per se, is not involved in the consideration of the peace treaty, and that after the treaty has been ratified and Spain has been eliminated as a factor in the Philippine problem, it will be time enough to consider the policy to be pursued in dealing with the Philippines, and just here will come the real contest on the question of expansion."

Mr. Howell then says that, after the treaty has been finally disposed of, a resolution will be introduced making a declaration of the proposed policy of this government in dealing with the Philippines, and that this resolution will be framed very much on the basis of the Cuban resolution, adopted coincident with the declaration of war, in which it was declared that the policy of this government would be to give the people of Cuba a free and independent government of their own.

Mr. Howell says: "It is the determination to present a resolution of this kind as a rallying point for the expansion and anti-expansion elements, both Democrats and Republicans, that takes from the consideration of the peace treaty such doubt as might have existed as to the outcome, and which now makes its ratification a foregone conclusion."

Mr. Howell further says that the vote on this proposed resolution will not be confined by any means to party lines, and the outcome is in doubt. A large majority of the Democrats will vote in favor of it, and a large majority of the Republicans will vote against it, but the size of either majority is sufficiently involved in doubt to render exceedingly questionable the final action that will be taken on the resolution."

He says: "The Republicans as a body will favor the ratification of the peace treaty, and will oppose any further action. They will hold that it will be time enough to cross the Philippine bridge when they get to it, and in the meantime the islands should be held under strict military government, and that if in God's own time it is demonstrated that the Filipinos are able to take care of themselves, and desire to maintain a government of their own, it will be time enough for the United States to take up the question and act accordingly."

Mr. Howell's summary concludes as follows: "As the result of the final encounter over the resolution it may be that the country will witness the spectacle of badly severed party lines, and that out of it may be furnished the battle cries around which will be formed the lines of the next presidential fight."

WORK OF CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The absence of a quorum of the senate yesterday saved Senator Proctor's resolution, providing for the appointment of a committee of senators to investigate the conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico during the approaching long recess of congress from decisive defeat. An effort was made by Mr. Daniel of Virginia to obtain consideration of the resolution, but his motion mustered only 8 of the 38 votes cast. No business of importance was disposed of at yesterday's session. Only some routine business, including the passage of a few private pension bills, was transacted.

The last session of the house before the holiday recess lasted but an hour. The Bailey resolution, directing an investigation of the flight of the members who volunteered in the Spanish-American war to seats in the house was adopted, and several bills of minor importance were passed.

A NICARAGUAN RESOLUTION.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Morgan yesterday secured the passage by the senate of a resolution authorizing the Nicaraguan canal committee to investigate the alleged efforts to obstruct the construction of the Nicaraguan canal. The resolution follows:

"That the committee on the construction of the Nicaraguan canal is authorized to sit during the recess of the senate or when the senate is in session and to send for persons and papers and administer oaths to witnesses and examine them touching any agreement or combination of any persons or corporations in reference to the proposed canal through the republic of Nicaragua entered into for the purpose of defeating or controlling the construction of such canal for the personal emolument or advantage of such persons or for the benefit of such corporations."

OTIS' WORK SATISFACTORY.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Alger says that Major General Otis has rendered most satisfactory service in command of the military forces in the Philippines, and will be retained in that position. Whether he will be appointed governor general of the archipelago depends upon future events.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS.

Senator McBride introduced a bill providing for the amendment of the bill heretofore introduced for a cable line between the United States and Hawaii so as to make Astoria, Ore., instead of San Francisco, the terminus in this country.

Senator Stewart's bill, granting 2,000,000 acres of land to Nevada for irrigation, was amended by the senate committee on irrigation and reported by Senator Warren. It grants 5,000,000 acres to each of the arid states, the proceeds to be used exclusively for irrigation purposes.

Colonel William P. Hall has been ordered to San Juan for duty as adjutant general of that department.

The postmaster general made the official announcement of the appointment of Major E. C. Rathbun of Ohio, ex-fourth assistant postmaster general, to take charge of and conduct the postal service in Cuba, with the title of director of posts.

CONVICTED UPON TWO COUNTS.

Boston, Dec. 22.—A protracted criminal prosecution came to a close yesterday in the United States circuit court before Judge Brown, when the jury found William S. Jewett, former president and director of the Lake National bank of Wolfboro, N. H., guilty on two counts, each charging him with the willful misapplication and conversion of certain funds of that institution. The document contained 96 counts, but when the trial began, about two weeks ago, District Attorney Jones nol-prossed all but a few, and of these only seven were elected for the consideration of the jury. The counts upon which the findings were reported were 84 and 96. The first charged money paid A. E. Butler Nov. 1, 1893, for shares of stock. The second charged money paid by the way of dividends of $20 per share on stock held by Jewett and his pledges. The defense has until Feb. 1 next to file a motion for a new trial.

DRUNKEN SOLDIERS' DEED.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 22.—Lucy Thomas and her 4-year-old boy were shot at Eutaw, Ala., yesterday by soldiers of the First Missouri volunteers, who were mustered out at Columbia, Tenn., Tuesday. The child was shot above the left eye, and it is not expected to recover. The mother received a painful wound in the arm above the elbow. The boys were drunk and disorderly, recklessly shooting into every house they passed. The woman and child were standing in the door of their home. The firing was done from the train on which the soldiers were en route home, and was kept up at other places along the line. Governor Jackson of Alabama has offered $100 reward for the arrest and conviction of every man implicated in the shooting.

LIVED 103 YEARS.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 22.—Martha Leonard died in Dighton at the home of her son-in-law. She was born in Lynn June 5, 1796, and married Nathaniel Leonard in 1816, her husband dying in 1887. Early in life she moved to Taunton and later to Somerset, where her husband was in business. After his decease she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Babbitt in Dighton. She had a centennial birthday anniversary in 1896, and at that time her living descendants numbered 51.

A ROYAL WELCOME.

Albany, Dec. 22.—Companies A, B and D, of the First New York volunteer regiment, returned here last night from Honolulu. Although the hour of their arrival was inconvenient and the weather disagreeable, the people turned out en masse, burned red fire by the ton, discharged all manner of fireworks and cheered themselves hoarse in honor of the returning soldiers. The men were met at the station by all the organizations, military and civic, in the city, and escorted to the state armory.

SAFE IN PORT.

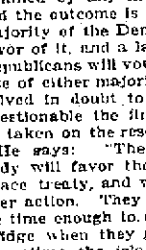
Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 22.—The schooner City of Augusta has arrived here after being out 22 days. The storm of Nov. 27 struck the vessel while being towed up the Delaware river. Owing to the severity of the gale the tow line was dropped and two anchors run out. These were lost and the vessel put to sea. She encountered terrible gales in crossing the gulf stream and was blown south. The vessel successfully weathered the storm and the captain and crew are all safe.

TWO DEATHS RESULTED.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—A bad accident happened on the Worcester and Suburban electric road at the foot of the long hill in Leicester yesterday afternoon. Two cars came together head on, both moving at high speed. One passenger, John Kerrigan, was killed outright, and another, Walter H. Holbrook, died on removal to the hospital. Five others received dangerous injuries. The accident was caused by fog, which made it impossible to see an approaching car.

HAVANA CONTRACT AWARDED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The Drake & Stratton company of Pittsburg has received a contract from the United States government for the construction of a great dock at Havana, Cuba, and a short railroad to Morro castle, costing about $500,000. The company has already dispatched 500 laborers and two ship loads of machinery to the island.



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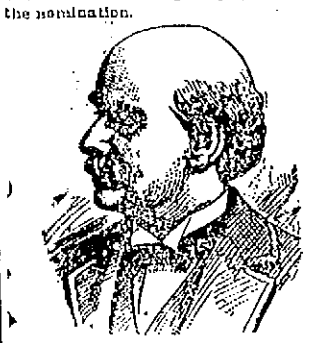
BLISS GOES OUT

Ethan Hitchcock the Present Russian Minister

TO SUCCEED SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Sketch of the New Incumbent.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The president yesterday nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri to be secretary of the interior. The senate promptly confirmed the nomination.



ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK.

Mr. Hitchcock is a prominent business man, who is at present United States ambassador to Russia, appointed by President McKinley in 1897. He is a great-grandson of Colonel Ethan Allen, who captured Fort Ticonderoga. He was born in Mobile in September, 1835, where he remained until 1840, when he moved with his family to Tennessee, remaining there until, after taking an academic course in New Haven, he went to St. Louis in 1851, where he engaged in business. He went to China in 1860. Returning to St. Louis in 1874, Mr. Hitchcock has since been actively engaged in business as president of several large manufacturing and railway corporations.

Secretary Bliss, in an interview, said: "It has been understood for some time that it would be my wish to retire from public life on the conclusion of the war. Now that the peace treaty has been signed, my request to be relieved will be granted, but I shall await the arrival of my successor before severing my connection with the interior department. I have been in most hearty accord with the president in his policy through the trying days in which he sought to avoid war, and while as commander-in-chief he was conducting the war that came notwithstanding his effort to prevent it. I believe most thoroughly in the course he is now pursuing for maintaining the honor of the country by securing the just results of a successful war. I shall leave my associates of the cabinet and of the department and my many friends in Washington with great regret, but private and personal reasons make my retirement a necessity."

GAVE MUCH TO CHARITY.

Atlantic City, Dec. 22.—Colonel Daniel Morris, aged 79 years, who planned the streets of this city and engineered the work of laying the first railroad from Camden to this city, died yesterday. Colonel Morris accumulated over $1,000,000 by investments in real estate, but at the time of his death his fortune is estimated at about $250,000. He had turned over to charitable institutions the greater part of his wealth. In 1880 he organized an independent military company, known as the "Morris Guards." The command enlisted in the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war.

ANOTHER SHOW FOR DREYER.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 22.—The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of E. S. Dreyer of Chicago, reversing the decision of the lower court and remanding the case. Dreyer was sentenced to the penitentiary for embezzlement, the specific charge being that while acting as treasurer of the West Chicago park commission he failed to turn over to his successor $310,000 of park funds. The court holds that the indictment under which Dreyer was tried was technically faulty; also that no legal demand was ever made on him for the funds by his successor in office.

QUEER STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Buffalo, Dec. 22.—A special from Lockport to The News says the law in effect prior to 1892 providing explicitly for the removal of a county treasurer has evidently been repealed and no provision substituted, and therefore County Treasurer Lammerts, now under arrest accused of embezzlement, cannot be ousted from office. In the meantime the county treasury is practically empty and county employes want their pay. Some time must elapse before any money may be had from Lammerts' bondsmen.

SOLDIERS AS AIDES.

New York, Dec. 22.—The appointment of nine aides by Governor-elect Roosevelt from the commissioned officers of the national guard was officially announced yesterday at Major General Roe's headquarters. These appointments mark the beginning of a new departure in the system of nominations for the staff of the governor, under the provisions of the new military code, which provides that 10 at least of the 14 aides allowed to the governor shall be active members of the national guard.

A MENTAL BREAKDOWN.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Press says: Victory Bateman, the actress, last night was placed in the insane pavilion of Bellevue hospital by her mother, Mrs. John T. Burke. The young woman had been showing signs of a mental breakdown for several days, and was gradually approaching the stage of mania. Her symptoms were like those she exhibited in October last in Newark, and in November, when she was playing Roxana in "Cyrano de Bergerac" in Chicago.

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WANTED—Good health. The blooming lilac died last fall, wouldn't drink Gloria, that is all. S. Bartlett, 102 Middlesex st., sells Gloria.

LADIES WANTED To attend the Lowell Dress Cutting Schools, opened day and evening. First evening free at 95 Merrimack street, room 16, opposite Dickson Bros.' tea store. Nesmith's Block and 370 Central street, near Opera House. First class dress makers and milliners will be employed for teaching. M. J. Greaves, Principal. Hours from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

LADIES To make sample patches at home; $6 to $10 weekly; no canvassing; reply envelope for particulars and sample. Foster Machine Co., 825 West 35th St., New York.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Low's Dye House and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

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TO LET—Two square rooms. Inquire at 713 Merrimack street, corner Austin.

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TO LET—A giant office in the Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

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PROBATE COURT.
Middlesex ss.

To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of JOHN LEARY, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, DANIEL J. DONOVAN, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the final account of his administration on said estate, and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his hands among the next of kin of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January, A. D. 1899, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing postpaid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

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FOR SALE—11 acre farm, 7 miles from Lowell, not far from electrics. Easy terms; price only $850. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

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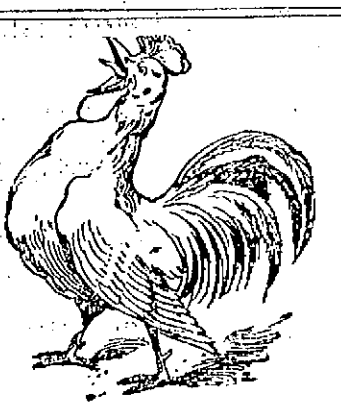
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D

Duggan, W. F., 116 Concord St.
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G

Goodwin & Co., 73 West Fourth St.
Greenwood Bros., 573 Lawrence St.
Geron, D., 164 Chelmsford St.
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Gardner, L. C., 22 West Fourth St.
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H

Hale, M. W., 480 Bridge St.
Howell, T., Lincoln Square.
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Howell, T., 245 Middlesex St.
Hadley, E., 123 Branch St.
Hulene, Mrs. 503 Central St.
Hodges, F. H., 381 Central St.
Higgins & Co., 395 Central St.
Harlow D. W., 771 Middlesex St.
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Harwood, E. F., 518 Merrimack St.
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K

Keyes, P., 511 Market St.
Kittridge, M. F., 73 Branch St.
Kingsbury, J. M., 372 Bridge St.
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Locke, H. W., 881 Bridge St.
Leith, W. H. & Co., 265 Middlesex St.
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M

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Munn, F. D. & Son., 15 Bridge St.
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O'Neil, C. F., 65 Whipple St.

P

Perrault, G. H., 558 Middlesex St.
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R

Ranlett, O. B., 303 Dutton St.
Racette, M., 185 Salem St.
Renaud, S., 602 Middlesex St.
Roark, J. S., 302 Market St.
Russell, H. H., 83 Branch St.
Ready, D. E., 771 Broadway.
Ranlett & Ranlett, 38 Bridge St.
Reiley, R. A., 214 Suffolk St.
Rexford, C. L., 469 Merrimack St.
Richardson, J. B., & Sons, Liberty Sq.
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S

Stack, J. J., 61-65 Concord St.
Smith & Walker, 270 High St.
Stevens, C. E., 401 Bridge St.
Slater, R. H., 344 Westford St.
Stiles, P. P., Market & Dutton Sts.
Stack, J. J., 52-58 Concord St.
Soper, G. E., 253 Smith St.
Stott, F. C., 310 Westford St.
Stiles, J. & Co., 423 Central St.
Slater, A. H., 23 Pine St.
Stuart, A. H., Smith and Liberty Sts.
Sullivan, M. J., 64 Lakeview Ave.
Smith, C. L., Boston Cash Grocery, 145 Middlesex St.
Strout, F. R., 325 Bridge St.

T

Trueworthy, A. M., 214 Hale St.
Talbot, E. D., 529 Merrimack St.
Tuttle, F. A., 339 Thorndike St.
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SIX O'CLOCK.

ADJ. GEN. CORBIN

A Witness Before the War Commission.

He Says the Regular Army Was in Good Condition at Beginning of the War—Miles' Plan of Campaign Not Approved.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Adjutant General Corbin was the first witness before the war investigation commission today and was rigidly questioned regarding the selection of Camp Alger, Va. He testified that the removal of Camp Alger was dictated by the secretary of war himself and that its original establishment was recommended by Captain Seaburn of General Miles' staff. He, General Corbin, had said at the time it could not be a good camp ground, because there was not sufficient range for rifle practice He had understood from the secretary of war that General Miles had something to do with its selection. He was certain of Captain Seaburn's exact status, but he had understood Captain Seaburn had been sent by General Miles to make the inspection of the camp site.

"Did General Miles propose against or do anything against the selection of the camp?" he was asked.

"Not to my knowledge," was the answer. He added that he did not know the reasons for the discontinuance of the camp.

Questioned as to Camp Wikoff, General Corbin denied that the contract with the Long Island railroad gave it exclusive control and said the only restriction made in that arrangement was the desirable one of prohibiting excursion steamers landing at the camp. He said one reason for its selection was the excellent facilities for water transportation. He said the camp at Tampa was never designed for anything but a point of embarkation and said the first complaint he had heard from Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, was in the press.

On April 10, the army for one of its size, was well equipped and thoroughly supplied. There never was an army, he said, better equipped, better clothed better fed or with a better morale than our regular army at that time.

"I do not think the war department contemplated war," said General Corbin" until it was declared by congress and appropriations were available. Of course, the possibilities were thought of, but there were no general preparations except so far as the department was able to meet the possibilities that confronted it."

Col. Denby, who conducted the examination, here suggested to General Corbin that he observed the latter was cautious and reticent and explained:

"It is not our object to criticize strategy. That is not our business. The strategy of the war may have been right and may have been wrong. But our object is to determine whether the war department acted efficiently."

General Corbin said when General Shafter's expedition started it took all the transports it was possible to obtain. The supply was not equal to the demand. He referred to the letter of General Miles, dated June 24, laying out the plan of campaign of the war and said it was not approved.

PRES. GOMPERS

Says S. H. Howe's Refusal is Unjust.

THE CONFERENCE MIGHT MEAN READJUSTMENT.

The Controversy is Causing Much Discussion.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 22—The controversy between S. H. Howe, president of the S. H. Howe Shoe company, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor over the former's withdrawal of his sanction for an official conference in regard to the labor difficulties here, continues to be the principal topic of interest. This morning Mr. Howe received a telegram from President Gompers which said:

"Telegram received. Certain if you were right in consenting to a conference in first instance your withdrawal now is wrong and unjust. A conference with the view of discussing dispute may result in adjustment. Your refusal cannot be justified on any reasonable grounds."

Mr. Howe replied to the latter stating that he was justified in declining to take part in an official conference.

GOLD OUTPUT INCREASING.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Consul MacCrum, from Pretoria, sends to the state department a report of the gold output of the South African republic, in which he says the October report shows that the number of mills and the total of stamps is rapidly increasing. It is expected, he says, that the output of the Transvaal next year will exceed that of the combined mines of Colorado, Dakota, California, Montana and Alaska, although it fell short of that last year.

ON THE SIDEWALK

A Runaway Horse Terrorizes Merrimack Square.

TWO PERSONS KNOCKED DOWN AND INJURED.

While Fruit and Furniture Displays Were Wrecked.

The reader of Irish stories will recall the wonderful white horse of the Peppers, a famous animal of ancient times. His direct descendant came into Merrimack Square this afternoon in the shape of the white horse of Hodge & Stevens, the Drucut grocers which ran away in the square, taking the sidewalk for its course and clearing everything in its path.

The horse, attached to a light sleigh in which were a barrel of flour, a turkey and some other articles, was left standing in Canal street, the apology for a street that runs from East Merrimack street in the rear of the Runels' building.

There are tracks in Canal street for the freight cars which run down to the Massachusetts mills and the moving of these freight cars frightened the animal so as to make it run. Out of the alley it came on the dead run, the contents of the sleigh being precipitated into the street. The square was crowded at the time and when the animal took the sidewalk at the waiting room there was a mad rush of men and women for places of safety. All at the waiting room escaped except old Mrs. Connelly of Davidson street who was knocked down and badly shaken up. She was removed to Carter & Sherburne's drug store and later was taken to her home in an ambulance.

The animal then proceeded to go through the Killpatrick Bros.' outside display destroying Christmas trees and holly and knocking down Paymaster Caverly of the Merrimack Print Works, who was standing nearby. Mr. Caverley was not badly injured but he lost his glasses in the excitement.

As the animal reached Albert O'Heir's store it was caught and held by Officer J. B. Crowley and Motorman Pat. Hemersley. But that was not all for as the animal was being freed from the slight which was badly damaged, it put its heels through a sideboard that stood in front of O'Heir's store.

The horse escaped without injury.

DENSE FOG.

STILL HANGS OVER LOWER BAY AND MANY STEAMERS ARE ANCHORED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 22.—The dense fog which set in at noon on Tuesday still hangs heavily over the lower bay. At quarantine are anchored steamers Arkadia from Porto Rico; Cyphrian Prince, from Rio Janeiro, and the British ship Otterburn from Calcutta. The White Star line Teutonic is also anchored near the boarding station. These vessels are bound in. The steamer Old Dominion and Friesland, bound out are also at anchor. Owing to the dense fog the health officer has been unable to board vessels this morning.

ABOLISH THE OFFICE.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 22.—The local branch of the Granite Cutters' national union, being indignant at certain statements contained in the bi-ennial report of the state labor commissioner, Julian F. Trask of Laconia has adopted resolutions demanding the abolition of the bureau at the next session of the legislature.

PROF. STARR'S TRAVELS.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Prof. Starr, head of the Anthropological department of the university of Chicago, has left for a trip among the semi-civilized tribes of Mexico. He will spend nearly four months studying these people and expects to return with photographs and plaster casts that will represent races never before studied.

GREAT NORTHERN SYSTEM.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—The Herald today says:

Positive assurance has been received that the Pacific Coast Steamship company, with all its accessories and ramifications, has passed into the hands of the Great Northern railroad company. The object of the unexpected coup is to bring the Great Northern system into the field as a competitor in the California business.

ANOTHER TRANSPORT ARRIVES.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Cadiz, Dec. 22.—The Spanish transport Gran Antilla, Captain Bayona, which sailed from Havana on Dec. 2, for Barcelona, with Spanish troops on board, has arrived at this port.

GRIPPE UNDER CONTROL.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 22.—President Murphy of the New York board of health today expressed the opinion that the city would be fully able to control the epidemic of grip which had entered so many homes and the ravages of which have disturbed to a remarkable extent the course of public business.

AT THE RECOUNT

The Registrars Will Finish the Task Today.

CHANGE OF 25 VOTES FOR NO LICENSE.

High School Boys Want an Extra Holiday.

The registrars will probably finish the recount this evening. This morning they finished ward six and at noon were half through ward eight. They found no changes this morning and the total gain for no license at this writing is 25 votes.

At the recount of the license vote in city hall this afternoon a gain of two votes for no-license was found in ward eight, precinct two.

THE MUSTER OUT.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The war department has not yet made definite plans for the muster out of the fifty thousand volunteers which was decided on at the cabinet meeting yesterday but it is understood that this work will be pretty well mapped out by the first of the year. The time required to complete the muster out will depend on whether the department adopts the plan of a two months' furlough or of an immediate discharge with two months' extra pay, as suggested by Congressman Hull.

A BIG COMBINATION.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Pittsburg, Pa. Dec. 22—The proposed combination of all leading flint glass manufacturers in the United States will probably be completed by the promoters now in session in this city. Already 26 of the largest flint glass manufacturing establishments concerned have entered the combination which is to be backed principally by British capitalists.

CAPITALIST DEERING DEAD.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—J. Mortimer Deering, the capitalist, is dead of Bright's disease. He was born in Lynchburg, Va., in 1827. He came west in 1849 and for a time engaged in freighting across the plains.

MOSES DISCHARGED.

HE WAS HELD ON A CHARGE OF ASSAULTING HIS WIFE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Suncook, N. H., Dec. 22.—Daniel Moses of West Pembroke, charged with assault with intent to kill upon his wife, was discharged after a hearing this morning. Mrs. Moses was shot Dec. 9 and she died a short time later. Mr. Moses claimed that the shooting was done by a stranger but the authorities placed Mr. Moses under arrest. He had been in custody two weeks but the authorities were unable to find evidence sufficient to hold him.

THE CARLISTS

CONTINUE THEIR AGITATION IN SEVERAL PROVINCES AND SOME OF THEM WERE ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—The Carlist agitation continues in several of the northern provinces and a number of agitators have been arrested at Morella, province of Castellon de la Plana, owing to Carlist demonstrations. A Carlist has been arrested at Plasencia, province of Caceres, for distributing arms.

The report that Don Carlos has contracted a loan in England is denied. It is explained that he tried to do so but failed.

PREMIER SAGASTA

IS WORSE TODAY AND HE IS VERY FEVERISH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—Premier Sagasta is worse today. He is very feverish and his condition caused Spanish interior securities to fall from 56.25 to 55.30.

MILITARY TELEGRAPH

EXTENDING FROM PUERTO PRINCIPE TO SANTA CRUZ IS NEARING COMPLETION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Havana, Dec. 22.—The military telegraph from Puerto Principe southward to Santa Cruz, the cable point, is nearing completion. This connection with General Carpenter will soon be made.

Col. Donwoodie of the Signal Corps, says the telegraph will be built as if for military purposes and will require no land lines to Santiago as projected.

The war department has directed the transport Chester to take General Greene and his staff to Savannah. She will sail this evening.

Marshal Blanco though not requested to do so by the American commissioners issued directions before leaving Cuba that the rich silver palace table service be left for the Americans and that the magnificent furniture of the reception rooms be also left for the American occupants. The official coaches with the arms of Spain and the furniture of the treasury department, will be sold.

ANOTHER GENEROUS ACT.

Mr. Rose, manager of the J. C. Ayer company, has announced to the employes of the company that hereafter they will be given the benefit of all legal holidays without loss of pay.

TO THE EIGHTH.

Col. Pow, last evening, received an order by telegraph from Adjt.-Gen. Corbin, transferring a number of Sixth men to the Eighth regiment. Among them was Thomas S. Garrity of this city.

CAHILL.—The funeral of the late Owen Cahill will take place on Saturday forenoon at 9 o'clock from St. Peter's church.

B. D. O'CONNELL

Petition for Release Argued Today.

Judge Lowell Took the Case Under Advisement and Promised to Give a Decision as Early as Possible.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 22.—In the United States district court, before Judge Lowell today, a petition for habeas corpus for the release of Bernard D. O'Connell of Lowell, who was convicted over a year ago on a charge of bribery and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of $500, was heard. On December 6th last, O'Connell concluded his year's sentence and is now serving out his term in default of the payment of the $500 fine.

When the bankruptcy law went into effect some time ago, O'Connell filed a petition in bankruptcy, and one of the items included the fine. He was discharged a bankrupt from all debts and claims mentioned in his petition.

The present petition is applied for on the ground that he is being illegally detained in prison for the fine of $500.

At the hearing today, the contention of O'Connell's attorney, John D. Morrison, was that under the statute of 1858 this fine was a debt the same as any other debt and hence a writ of habeas corpus should be granted in order that the case might be presented properly and fully.

Assistant Attorney General DeGoush for the Commonwealth, contended that the fine was still due and O'Connell was not exempted from paying it by his insolvency. The public statute, Dec. 17, provided that after the term of imprisonment has expired the person convicted must wait three months and then may prove to the satisfaction of the court that he is a poor debtor and may be then released.

According to the bankruptcy law debt is considered a civil liability and the bankruptcy laws do not provide for any relief from criminal debts such as the one in question.

He further claimed that the United States had really no jurisdiction in the matter, except to decide whether or not the bankruptcy laws applied to the present case.

Judge Lowell took the case under advisement and announced that he would make his decision as soon as possible.

PENSION CHANGES.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 22—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of Dec. 12, are announced:

Massachusetts, Original—Samuel A. Lester, Norwell, $10; Dennis Kelley, Somerville, $6; Charles W. Stickney, Danvers, $6; Wesley T. Simmons, Adams, $6.

Reissue—George W. Wood, Avon, $8.

MILLS START UP.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Millbury, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Farnumsville cotton mills have resumed operations after a shut down of a month and the full force of about 140 hands are at work. The outlook for a steady run through the winter is good.

WITHDRAWAL CANCELLED.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—General Passenger Agent Crane of the Wabash has notified the special committee of the Western Passenger association that on account of the changed attitude of the Chicago & Alton, the notice of the withdrawal from the association given by the Wabash will be at once cancelled.

IMPROVE THE HARBOR.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A large New York city delegation representing the leading commercial organizations of that city, was before the house committee on rivers and harbors today to urge suitable government attention to the improvement of New York harbor.

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FAYNES MOORE

Placed on Trial for "Badgering" Today.

PRINCIPAL WITNESSES ABSENT.

Therefore the Case Was Continued.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 22—The trial of Fayne Strathan Moore, accused of "badgering" Martin Mahon, was continued today. Assistant District Attorney McIntire announced that Mrs. Fannie E. Johnson, an important witness for the prosecution and to whom it is alleged Mrs. Moore made a confession of guilt, is now beyond the jurisdiction of the court. She had fled, said Mr. McIntire. We traced her to Corona, L. I. and then we lost her.

Count Botanyi, another witness for the prosecution, has also placed himself beyond the reach of the court, according to Mr. McIntire.

The evidence produced in court at the morning session brought out no new facts. Martin Mahon was recalled and again denied that he had seduced Mrs. Moore.

Mr. McIntyre then announced that Mrs. Johnson had been found and would be in court within an hour and a half. A recess was taken pending the arrival of Mrs. Johnson.

The prosecution will close at the end of Mrs. Johnson's testimony unless another witness from Wilkesbarre, Pa., puts in an appearance, which is hardly expected.

SUPT. THOMBS SUSPENDED.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Denver, Col., Dec. 22.—Governor Adams has suspended Dr. Thomas B. Thombs as superintendent of the state insane asylum at Peubio, pending a full investigation of charges that have been made against the management of the asylum. This action is taken at the request of Dr. Thombs.

FROM THE PORTLAND.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 22.—The schooner Lucille of this port, arrived today and reports that seventy miles east by south of Highland Light she sighted a large packing case with marks on it indicating that it came from the steamer Portland. It was not taken on board.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.
By Associated Press to The Sun.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—John A. Severns, superintendent of the D. M. Ferry Seed company, committed suicide today by shooting. Mr. Severns had been in poor health for some time.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

St. Patrick's Boys' and Girls' schools closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays. Exercises appropriate to the Christmas season were held in all the class rooms of both schools.

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$1.23 for Ladies' Satin Juliet, fur trimmed, old gold, black and red.
Child's and Misses' Arctic, 59c. and 63c. worth $1.00.

Men's Slippers.

45c. for Men's Imitation Allegator Slippers, black and russet.
73c., worth $1, for Men's Opera Slippers, black and russet.
99c. for Men's Harvard tie, black and russet.
$1.49 for Men's Russia Calf Slippers.

Umbrellas,

Dress Suit Cases and Satchels.

98c. for Dresden Handles and Silver trimmed Umbrellas, Gloria Silk.
$2.00 for Union Silk Umbrellas, silver trimmed.

Men's Gloves.

45c. and 75c. for excellent quality, Dog Skin Gloves, in reds, tans and browns.
$1.00 and $1.35 for silk lined, undressed Kid Gloves (Mocha.)
$1.35 and $2.00 for extra fine Kid Gloves, pearl shade.
35c. for T black, horse hide, fleece lined gloves.

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THE SUN LATEST

5 O'CLOCK.

SERIOUS CHARGE

Made Against Cashier Spaulding and Mrs. Jamieson.

SPAULDING SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED.

Miss Meeker's Death Was Caused by Criminal Action.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 22.—William G. Spaulding, cashier of the German National bank at Port Clinton, and Mrs. Martha S. Jamieson of this city have been arrested on the charge of causing the death of Miss Amy Meeker by performing a criminal operation upon her. It is said that Spaulding has made a confession.

The dead woman was a daughter of Captain Meeker, a well known farmer of Ottawa county, who lives at Locust Point, a few miles from Port Clinton. Spaulding is connected with the prominent Spaulding family, owners of vessels and fruit growers. He was prominent in Port Clinton society.

A FATAL MISTAKE

Men Thought Dynamite Fuse Had Failed.

CHARGE EXPLODED WITH TERRIFIC FORCE.

Five Men Were Seriously Injured.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 22.—An explosion of dynamite occurred four miles west of Huron, in which five men were seriously injured, two of whom may die. The names of the injured cannot be learned. Three heavy blasts of dynamite were placed in the rocky side of the canyon to be excavated and fired. Two exploded but the third was slow and the men thought the fuse had failed. After waiting a while, they returned to the hole, when the charge exploded with terrific force.

WANT A HOLIDAY.

The boys of the High school today sent a petition to Mayor Bennett, asking him to grant them a holiday tomorrow. The mayor referred the petition to the school board and as that body does not meet until next week it is very probable that the boys will meander to High school tomorrow.

It is surprising to learn that the High school boys know so little of that portion of municipal affairs which refers to them. Mayor Bennett is no longer a member of the school board and has no power to grant holidays to school children. Chairman A. G. Swapp of the board is the only individual with such power. He may grant four holidays a year while the school board itself may grant holidays.

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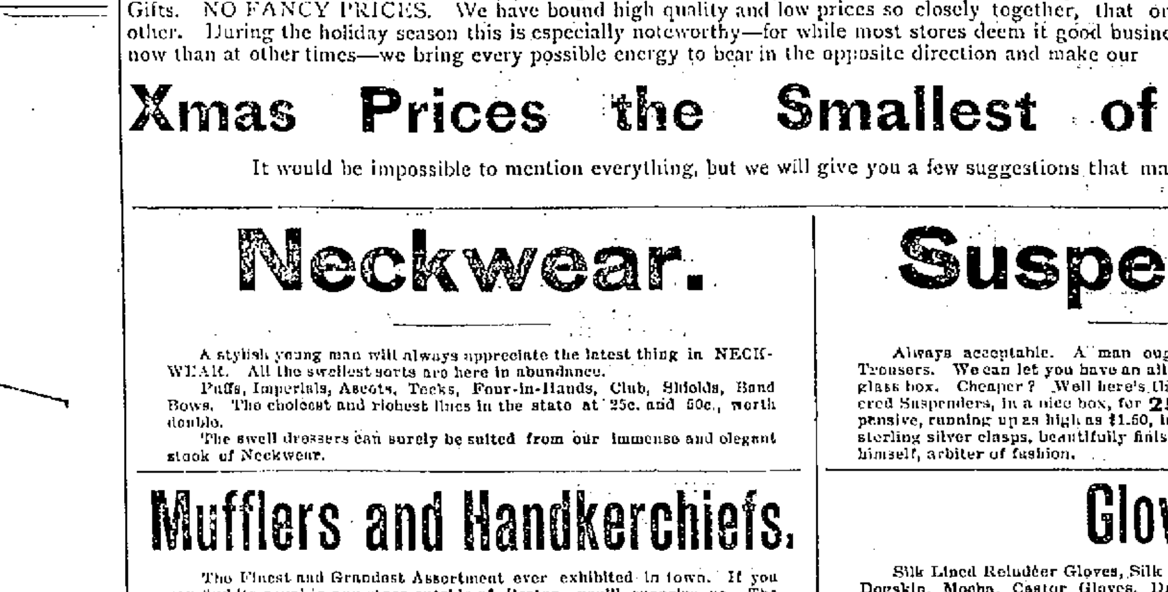
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OWEN CAHILL, the Well Known Blacksmith, Who Died at His Home on Chelmsford Street Last Night.

T. F. MOLLOY DEAD

The Popular Tenor Passed Away This Morning.

HAD BEEN ILL FOR FOUR WEEKS

Owen Cahill, the Well Known Blacksmith, Dead.

Prof. Terrence F. Molloy, the well known and popular tenor and musician, passed away at 6.45 o'clock this morning in St. John's hospital where he had been confined to bed for the past four weeks. For the past year he had been a victim of liver trouble which steadily grew upon him and on Sunday, Nov. 27th, the day of the blizzard, he caught a cold which gave his ailment a fatal turn and his death had been expected for several days. He suffered most patiently and passed away in the presence of relatives, having previously received the last rites of the Catholic church to which in life he had given his best efforts as a choir master.

No singer in Lowell was more widely or more favorably known than poor "Terry" Molloy, whose sweet voice and amiable manner charmed all, and he will be widely and sincerely mourned.

He was born in Lowell 40 years ago the son of the late George Molloy. When a boy he attended the Edson and High schools and was then noted for his voice. He began the study of music when quite young under the lamented Dr. J. G. Lennon. Later he studied piano and organ under Asa V. Hill of Worcester and his first church engagement was as organist of the old St. Peter's church, which position he held for four years. At the dedication of the Sacred Heart church he officiated as choir director and held that position for four years, also presiding at the organ. Then he went to St. Michael's church where he was director for two years.

In the meantime he studied vocal music under Mrs. C. A. Guillmette of Boston, and later under Profs. Haggerty and Leach of this city. At the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Peter's church, Prof. Molloy returned to that choir as director and held the position up to the time of his last illness, officiating as tenor soloist.

Besides his church work, the deceased appeared many times in concert, olio and light opera, assuming the leading tenor roles with marked success in Pinafore, Ermine, Pirates, Olivette, Iolanthe, Patience, Billie Taylor, Sorcerer, and others. He was also a member of the American quartet and probably sang in public oftener than any other soloist in the city. But he gave most of his attention to church work and made St. Peter's choir one of the finest in New England. It was his great ambition to direct a choir in the new St. Peter's church, an ambition never to be realized. It was the deceased who gained considerable distinction by introducing to the Catholic requiem services of this city the English hymns, "I Love To Hear My Savior's Voice;" "No Cross, No Crown"; "Passing Through the Shadow," and "Hark, My Soul," which are now sung at all requiems. Prof. Molloy was also a teacher of voice and piano, having had many pupils.

Personally a more genial soul never lived. Always kind, generous and gentlemanly, he made friends of all with whom he came in contact and endeared himself to all who knew him. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Mary A. Phelan of Gorham street; Mrs. Thomas H. Bradley of River Point, R. I., and Miss Lizzie Molloy, a teacher in the Cottage street school. The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet, but deceased will probably be interred from St. Peter's church.

OWEN CAHILL DEAD.

Owen Cahill, the well known blacksmith, died about 11 o'clock last night after a lingering illness at his late home, 435 Chelmsford Corner of Parker streets. Although he has been a constant sufferer from a wasting disease for the past three months, his death will come as a shock to the wide circle of friends which he enjoyed in Lowell. He was compelled to take to his bed last Labor Day and has not been able to leave it again up to the time of his death.

The deceased was born in County Cavan, Ireland about 65 years ago at a place known as Cahill's Cross Roads, where he spent his early days. At the age of 10 years he went to the town of Navan where he began the trade of blacksmith in which he afterwards attained such distinction.

He was one of the pioneer Irish settlers in this city, coming to this country when a youth. Thirty two years ago he opened a blacksmith shop on Gorham street, a short distance from Appleton street. He conducted a paying business there for twenty-five years when he was compelled to vacate the premises, as it was intended to have an entrance to the Opera house from Gorham street at that time. He then moved to Liberty Square where he remained five years, then on Middle street, next to the gas office where he remained three years and his present shop on Green street he has occupied about two years. Mr. Cahill was distinctively a family man and was identified with but one organization in the course of his life, the Knights of St. Patrick, of which he was a past commander in the palmy days of the order.

Besides his widow he is survived by six sons and two daughters, Edward W., and Michael J. of the firm of Cahill Brothers; Patrick F., the well known letter carrier; James, who is conducting his father's business; Owen, Jr., and Joseph, two younger sons; Miss Catherine, superior of the Berkley Street Convent in Boston and Miss Mary Cahill, who has resided with her parents and is a pupil of the Notre Dame academy.

Throughout this city the older Irish residents will lament the death of Mr. Cahill, whom they had known for so many years as a genial, good natured, charitable, sober and industrious citizen.

FELL YESTERDAY.

Margaret Surpry of Gorham street and an employe of the Tremont & Suffolk mills fell on the steps of the mills when entering the corporation yesterday morning and sustained a serious injury to one of her hips. She was removed to the corporation hospital.

MATRIMONIAL.

CRAIG—STEWART.

A pretty home wedding took place at 12 Nichols street last evening, the contracting parties being Miss Lillian Maude Stewart and Mr. Ernest Craig, Rev. D. A. MacPhie solemnizing the nuptial rites. Mrs. Claribel Axtman of Woburn, a cousin of the bride, was matron of honor and Mr. W. F. Stewart, a brother, was the best man. The bride wore white nun's veiling with satin and chiffon trimming and wore the customary veil and carried white pinks. The young couple received many tokens of the esteem in which they are held. They will be at home after January 1st at 12 Nichols street.

THE AGE LIMIT.

The new law governing attendance of children at public schools in Massachusetts, which went into effect in September, will not allow schoolchildren under the age required by law to work during the Christmas holidays any more than at any other time in the year. Previous to this year it has been customary for children to receive employment from the management of down town stores during the holiday rush but violations of the age limit will be keenly watched and prosecuted.

BOWLING.

By weak rolling in the final string the Concords allowed the Heroes to take a game at Les Miserables alleys last night. The score:

Heroes—Flood, 446; McCaffrey, 411; Sweeney, 426; Brown, 412; Whalen, 386; totals, 2971.

Concords—Hennessey, 526; Guimond, 409; Cotter, 365; Bushey, 351; O'Brien, 390; totals, 2031.

MILL STOCK SALES.

2 Everett Mills, 68½; 14 Great Falls Manufacturing Company, 149; 2 Androscoggin Mills, 110½; 50 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company, 42; 25 Lyman Mills, 52; 10 Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford, 85½a85¼.

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Other Gossip of the Prize Ring.

The twenty-round contest between Mike Sears, the gallant little American, and Alf Wright, the English bantam, which will be decided at the Olympic A. C., Birmingham, Eng., tonight, is attracting national attention for the reason that if Wright should succeed in whipping the American the chances are very strong that he will invade the country with a defi aimed at the best of his weight, and that man is undoubtedly Terry McGovern of Brooklyn, who has worked his way to the front, marvellously in the past year.

But little is known of Wright in this country other than his losing fight with Dave Wallace, who defeated him in nineteen rounds at the National Sporting club, London, on Jan. 11, 1897, in what was generally said to have been the fastest battle of its kind that had ever taken place in that aristocratic club. This contest stamps Wright as a first class boxer, for it will be remembered that Wallace was considered good enough to tackle Tommy White, when the latter first visited England. Wallace was taken sick while training, and Ben Jordan was substituted as the next best available man, and the ease with which Jordan walloped the Chicagoan and later outpointed George Dixon at the Lenox A. C. showed him to be a rare good glove pusher. Yet before that time Wallace was considered better than Jordan, and it is a high tribute to the mettle of Wright to be able to avert defeat, for nineteen rounds before succumbing to the admittedly best man in the "tight little isle."

Sear's work of late, except his losing to his recent English opponent, is of the most gratifying kind. He demonstrated beyond all cavil that he was in the front ranks of American bantams when he handled Patsy Haley, Spider Weir and Jack Frazier with such skill as to come out of these battles with hardly a mark to show that he had engaged in encounters with the best that could be produced.

He will have the benefit of being acclimated when he goes into the ring tonight with Wright, something which he sadly lacked when he made his initial bow before an English audience. He has been in training at Chipperfield and has appeared in a sparring act all over England with rare success, winning praise everywhere by his cleverness and his willingness to meet all comers, big and little.

Dan Creedon and George Green are scheduled to settle their differences at San Francisco on Dec. 28. Green appears to be conceding great odds of weight, but things are running queerly on the Pacific coast.

Johnny Lavack, who fought Solly Smith a draw at Boston two years ago, is carded to clash against Fred Green at Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 27th.

Dan Sullivan, formerly of Boston, who once fought Dick O'Brien for fifteen rounds before the award was given to the latter, has signed articles to meet Jim Janey in a preliminary to the Gans-Daley contest at the Lenox A. C., on Dec. 27th.

"Honest John" Kelly has been commissioned by a Texas syndicate to offer $10,000 for a finish fight between Tommy Ryan and Bob Fitzsimmons. Each man will be allowed $2500 for training expenses. The offer has been communicated to the men.

Frank Erne has decided to leave for San Francisco next month. He will probably get on a return match with Kid Lavigne. It is understood that negotiations are now going on between the men for another match and that everything will be arranged by the time Erne reaches the coast.

Jim Kennedy, who looks after the Buffalo boxer's interest, said yesterday: "Outside of Lavigne, Dal Hawkins is the only man Erne will meet. He might consider Gans' challenge if he will fight at 135 pounds at the ring side.

Billy Edwards, the champion middle weight of Australia and South Africa, who arrived in this country this week has already got down to business. There is talk of matching him against Joe Walcott at the Lenox Athletic club for a twenty-round go. Edwards will fight between 142 and 146 pounds.

Teddy McGovern, who knocked out Jimmy Rose in such clever style on Saturday night, has been matched to fight Austin Rice of New London, twenty five rounds before the Pelican Athletic club on December 31st. They will meet at 115 pounds for a percentage of the receipts.

THE GRIP RAGING.

The grip is reported as very prevalent. It is epidemic in New York and some other places. Four members of one family are reported as ill from it in this city.

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EX-MAYOR COURTNEY BETTER.

Within the past few days the condition of Hon. William F. Courtney has improved so much that his attending physician is having strong hopes for his speedy recovery. The patient is now beginning to eat, his sleep is more restful, and he sits up at intervals.

Mr. Cyrus M. Battles, whose wife died yesterday, is quite ill himself at his home, 38 Sixth street.

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THE TWO STAR WITNESSES IN THE WAR INQUIRY.



GEN. NELSON A. MILES, Who Testified Before the War Board to the Mismanagement of the War Department by Sec. Alger.



GEN. MERRITT, Who Testified to the Losses in the Philippine Campaign.



CAPTAIN GENERAL CASTELLANOS, who will be the representative of Spain to hand over Cuba to the United States. He will remain until Jan. 1 and not leave the island by Cion-fuegos before that date, as it has been reported that he will do. He will thus be the last viceroy of Spain in the New World.

THE ERIE CASES

The Question of Values Excluded.

THE DEFENSE PUTS ON WITNESSES.

Chas. J. Glidden Closely Questioned by Lawyers.

Before Judge Hardy in the Superior court in East Cambridge, yesterday the tax case of the Erie Telephone company was again taken up with Assistant Assessor Frank P. Read the first witness called, corroborating the testimony given by ex-assessor Edgell on Tuesday.

Ex-Assessor John E. Maguire, who was an assessor in 1889, was the next witness. He told of the manner of assessing the defendants as trustees and explained that the men were found to be trustees of Northwestern, Southwestern and Cleveland stock comprising the Erie. Mr. Maguire mentioned several conferences of the assessors before the taxes were levied in this particular case and referred to the engagement of an expert.

He was cross-examined by Mr. Shepard principally as to how the board assessed the defendants as trustees without any dfinite descriptions of the stock of which they were claimed to be trustees.

City Treasurer Charles F. Coburn, the next witness, told of the books being transferred to him from his predecessor and the obligation to collect the taxes from the defendants.

Mr. Coburn read the warrant in the 1889 book from the assessors to him for the collection of taxes, and also the commitment to Austin K. Chadwick and other treasurers when they were in office.

Treasurer Coburn said he took office in September, 1895, and so far as he knew, there was no warrant to him to collect these taxes.

City Clerk Dudman and the clerk of the common council were recalled to read from their records the resignations of City Treasurers Sleeper and Chadwick, after which the government declared that its case was closed with the exception of the introduction of the book of statements of the Ward Four assessors, which was in Lowell. The defense submitted to a request that the book be allowed as testimony upon its arrival from this city.

The defense then opened its argument. Five witnesses were sworn and the first to take the stand was Charles J. Glidden. He testified: "I have been connected with the Erie company since it was organized. I am now the president and was formerly secretary and treasurer. I am connected also with the Cleveland company organized under the laws of Ohio, also the northwestern and southwestern companies. I was secretary and treasurer of the companies up to a year ago and then president."

Mr. Glidden was asked if on May 1, 1889, the Southwestern company owned any property.

Mr. Richardson promptly objected to this question.

The point was argued by counsel and Mr. Richardson read Chap. 11, Sec. 4 of the public statutes concerning the province of the county commissioners on tax cases.

The court admitted the question subject to the exception of the plaintiff and Mr. Glidden answered that the Southwestern company owned no property May 1, 1889.

Mr. Glidden was asked if either the Southwestern or Northwestern company was doing any business May 1, 1889.

Mr. Richardson objected.

Mr. Glidden was asked whether or not he knew where the shares of the company were in 1889.

Mr. Richardson objected but withdrew the objection.

"I don't mean to be too abrupt," said Mr. Richardson, "but Mr. Shepard is so sharp I have to keep watch."

"I'm not so sharp as the city of Lowell," said Mr. Shepard.

"I'm not the city of Lowell," replied Mr. Richardson, "I'm only one of 80,000 inhabitants."

Mr. Glidden answered that he did not know where the shares were in 1889.

"On May 1, 1889, did you hold any personal estate whatever in trust?"

Objected to and allowed. Answer—No.

"Had the Southwestern a franchise with the American Bell company?"

Objected to.

Mr. Shepard said he desired to offer testimony in relation to the value of shares in different companies.

His desire was not allowed by the court.

Cross-examination: To Mr. Richardson—The Erie Telephone company was made up of the Southwestern, Northwestern and Erie. Those organizations exist today.

"The directors in the Northwestern are not the same as the Erie. There were 11 directors in the Northwestern company in 1889 and 10 in the Erie, all of whom were in the Northwestern. The 11th man lived in Boston. A majority of the directors of the Cleveland were not directors of the Erie.

"By the by-laws of the Southwestern company the directors met annually up to 1889 in New York. Then the stockholders elected the directors. In 1888 the annual meeting was held in June. I was present and 20,000 shares were acted upon.

"I did not hold the meeting alone but I think I could have done so. I think Mr. Bennett was president in 1888. The requirement for a quorum was any number of shares represented. Mr. Sprague was present and Mr. Bennett. I can't say whether any one else was present. All who were present were also stockholders of the Erie company.

"In 1888 I was clerk and secretary of all the companies. The records are in the hands of the present secretaries. They all live in Lowell. In 1889 the Bell Telephone company had a contract with all the sub-companies and recognized the Erie corporations. No leases were made to the latter. In 1888, 70 per cent. of the dividends of the Northwestern company were paid to the Erie company direct and 30 per cent. to the Bell company direct.

Redirect—There were no books kept of stockholders of the three sub-companies.

Mr. Shepard said he wanted to show that all these companies were taxed in their several localities in addition to being taxed in Lowell.

Objected to and not allowed.

Another objection was made when Mr. Glidden was asked if he knew where the shares of the Erie were held.

Witness answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Shepard wanted to show that shares of Erie were held by citizens of Massachusetts and largely of Lowell.

City Treasurer Coburn was recalled by Mr. Qua, the book of ward four having arrived and the former read a record of the tax assessed against the defendants in that ward in 1889.

J. W. C. Pickering, another defendant was called and testified under objection that he held no personal property in trust in 1889.

On cross-examination Mr. Pickering said he didn't know that he held any stock in the different sub-companies. Prior to 1899 he didn't think he attended a meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland company.

He could not remember that he ever was a director in the Cleveland company. He attended some of the meetings as a guest.

Noon recess was taken.

After recess Mr. Pickering took the stand but was withdrawn and Levi Sprague, another defendant, took the stand.

Questions as to whether or not Mr. Sprague held any personal property in trust May 1, 1889. They were objected to and stricken out after an argument by counsel and the ruling applied to previous witnesses' testimony of the same nature.

On that account Mr. Shepard announced that his testimony was closed.

Mr. Shepard offered to show the value of Erie, Northwestern, Southwestern and Cleveland shares. The court excluded all such testimony.

The jury was then excused temporarily for the purpose of allowing counsel to argue certain points which should be presented to the jury by the court.

Mr. Shepard wanted the jury to make certain findings on the question of fact and read some questions which he thought could properly go before the jury. Mr. Qua held that the only question for the jury was whether or not the assessment made by the board of assessors was a proper one or not.

There was an extended argument on questions of law and at the close the jury was sent for and the arguments were made by Messrs. Shepard and Richardson.



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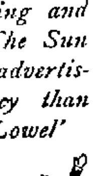
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It is as well for the skaters to remember that the ice is not a foot thick and that it is dangerously thin at some points.

The Hon. George A. Marden will soon be in official clover again. George is never at home except in a good, fat office.

Lieut. Hobson's way westward was strewn with roses and kisses. He took the kisses and left the roses. He says the women liked the kisses and so did he. What a strange individual to be called a hero.

It would be a nice Christmas present if the Mesdames Gervais and Martel of this city were to inherit a large fortune from a relative in France as they anticipate. Such presents are very rare, nowadays.

The washout of the state highway at Swampscott will teach the Metropolitan commission that it must not trespass upon the domain of Neptune. Old Ocean will tolerate no restraint and any attempt to curb the tide will be as futile as Mrs. Partington's effort to sweep back the waves with a broom.

The joint debate between Solon W. Stevens and Professor Edward Atkinson before the Lawrence board of trade on the question of assuming control of the Philippines, must have been quite enjoyable because both men are good talkers and Mr. Atkinson is a great statistician. Mr. Stevens met solid argument with a display of rhetoric.

The breaking of the cable near Cape Cod may yet solve the mystery of the sinking of the Portland. It is assumed that the cable must have met some extraordinary pressure when it broke, as at its depth in the water, the fury of the waves would not be likely to break it. Hence the supposition that the hull of the sinking, helpless Portland came in contact with the cable and snapped it. It is hoped that this will give a clew to the discovery of the hull, for which so many people are anxiously waiting.

Martin Farrell is at present in charge of the liquor licenses in Dracut. If Mr. Farrell should be successful in securing the privilege of selling liquor in that town next year he would have an opportunity to make money. There was quite a scrap over the Dracut liquor license in 1890 but it proved little more than a public nuisance and had to be abandoned. The same may be true next year unless the police force of Dracut be greatly enlarged and arrangements made to preserve order. Let the Dracut voters decide.

SEEKING TO PLUNDER THE TREASURY.

As a result of our territorial expansion, another scheme is coming to the front for the purpose of plundering the treasury. It is that of securing government bounties for American vessels engaged in commercial business, with the hope of securing government aid for private enterprise, that should stand or fall on its merits. The government has been looted to such an extent by the trusts and combines that wrote the tariff schedules in the Dingley law, that such people consider it an easy matter to get their paws into the treasury and help themselves at will. The most plausible pretexts will be adopted to secure such bounties as a tribute to our national pride, necessary to put us on a level with other nations. That is what our industries of various kinds have done. They have been pampered by government protection, like hot house plants, which perish when exposed to the open air. They cannot withstand open competition. If there is trade upon the seas the merchants will see their opportunity to have a portion of it, and it would be gross waste of public money to offer it in bounties to merchant vessels.

General Alger recommends that the army be increased to one hundred thousand and for this he wants an appropriation of one hundred and sixty-six million dollars. With this amount he can provide fat salaries for a large number of his political heelers and equip the government with a lot of officials, who if called upon to serve in actual warfare would prove as miserable failures as Gen. Alger himself. The recommendation should be rejected and any tendency to make this republic a military power should be discountenanced. Of course if we take charge of new colonies, an army must be maintained sufficient to protect them. That is one of the reasons urged against the acquisition of new colonies. As Dooley of Chicago says: "The policy is one of "expand and expind."

The proposition to build a monument to the memory of the soldiers who died in the Spanish-American war, will meet with general approval from all patriotic citizens, although it comes perhaps rather early. The memory of the martyrs in that war will lose nothing by the advance of time, as we surmise that the magnitude of the victory will become more apparent after the lapse of a few years. The proposition, however, is a good one, and it is well at this time to bring it before the people for consideration. We have no doubt that it will meet a most generous response but we hope it will not prevent proper consideration for the survivors of the struggle who have returned shattered in health.

Mrs. Hettie Green, the richest woman in America, has moved from New Bedford to Groton, Mass., where part of her property will be assessed. It is rumored that she has changed her residence in order to evade the payment of taxes in New Bedford, but the tax collectors will follow her wherever she goes and it is quite probable that Hettie will have to submit to the decree of the tax collector or else to the warrant of a legal official that may conduct her to jail.

THE SAVOY.

LOWELL'S NEW CASINO THEATRE.

The Casino House was last night, as has been the rule so far during this week, the scene of a most refined and pleasing variety performance, the audience present showing their continued appreciation by their hearty and prolonged applause necessitating a recall on many of the numbers. It certainly seems that this house is bound to find a secure place in the minds of the Lowell public, for not only are the artists those of reputation and merit, but the best that can be obtained by the management and only those who have a clean and refined act can obtain a place on the stage of the Casino. Last evening, Clements, Marshall and Sunshine were most pleasing to those who witnessed their sketch and the dancing of Miss Marshall being a novelty itself, and Little Sunshine, who has found a warm spot in the breasts of her Lowell friends sustained her reputation as being the best rag-time song soloist seen here. Mr. Clements, who has a country-wide reputation as a comedian, was also in demand and found new friends last night.

Spencer Bros. cannot be sufficiently spoken of to convey the impression they made on the audience of last evening. To say they are comical does not half answer the purpose. They are laugh convulsers.

Mudge and Morton last evening played and sang their way into the hearts of their hearers and the song by Miss Morton to the flute accompaniment of Mr. Mudge was superbly rendered. They have no peers as musical artists and although brought by the management from Weber & Fields,' in New York, where they played Sunday night, the management could not better display their intention of furnishing the best talent possible to the people of this city than by such as are on the bill this week.

Miss Ida Rogers again was obliged to respond to a recall and in her rendition of her childlike song of "I'll Put You in a Corner," carried her audience and again to satisfy her hearers pleasingly answered with another solo.

Green & Friend have one of the finest and pleasing domestic sketches imaginable. Mr. Friend, who was formerly of the Sporting Duchess company, is an actor of marked ability, and the support he receives in Miss Green is that of an able and doubly talented lady who has a remarkably fine personality in addition to a sweet voice and in the singing of the kissing duet both she and Mr. Friend completely captivate the audience. They are certainly making a great hit in this city and the sketch of which they control the copyright is destined to cause them to play return engagements if such can be arranged. In the singing of "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky" Miss Green is superb and should be heard to fully understand the real beauty of this sweet southern ballad.

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PASTOR RECEIVED.

HOW THE CHURCH PEOPLE OF PORTLAND, ORE. GREETED REV. MR. BLACKBURN.

In a recent issue of the "Pacific Baptist," a Pacific coast church publication, there appeared the following account of the welcome extended Rev. Alexander Blackburn, formerly of Lowell:

"The First church of Portland tendered Dr. Alexander Blackburn and family a reception in the church parlors on Friday evening, December 2. The ladies had decorated the church beautifully with palms, evergreens and roses. "Capt. J. A. Sladen extended the welcome on behalf of the state and expressed commiseration for the doctor that he had always dwelt where it was not safe to go out in the dark for fear of stepping over into a neighboring state. He was welcomed to our grand mountains and rivers, and to the hearts and homes of the people. Dr. A. W. Ackerman, pastor of the First Congregational church, and president of the ministerial association, gave the greetings of the ministers of the city. Dr. E. P. Hill of the First Presbyterian church extended the welcome of the city and said that when a prominent minister of another denomination came to a city the other ministers felt very much as the English soldiers did at the battle of Waterloo when reinforcements came under Blucher. His coming meant victory. So he welcomed the new pastor to the work and ultimate triumph. Deacon H. M. Clinton extended cordial greetings on behalf of the church and denomination. Dr. Blackburn responded to these warm words of welcome in an appropriate address. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse, in which the gathering joined with the pastor and his family and with each other, and in the discussion of the luncheon prepared by the ladies. Altogether the reception was a most happy affair, and Dr. Blackburn begins his pastorate under promising auspices, with the assurance of the confidence, love and co-operation of his people from the very first.

"Twenty three persons received the hand of fellowship at the Portland First church last Sunday. Four of these were the pastor's family, who were welcomed by Deacon Dygert."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Lady Franklin council, Daughters of Liberty met and elected the following officers last night: Councillor, Ella Sawyer; associate councillor, Etta Landers; vice councillor, O. C. Currier; associate vice councillor, A. Cora Stiles; guide, Mrs. Walker; recording secretary, Clara A. Varney; assistant recording secretary, George Gilman; financial secretary, Maude Farley; treasurer, Blanche Bartlett; inner guard, Mrs. Harrington; outer guard, Steven Prescott; trustee for 18 months, Mrs. Brett; representative to supreme council, A. Cora Stiles and Blanche Bartlett; alternates, Laura Copeland and Susie Gifford. It was voted to hold a union meeting on Jan. 15, when the officers will be installed in public.

At the annual meeting of Court St. Antoine, Catholic Order of Foresters, last night, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Fred Giroux; recording secretary A. N. Boulais; financial secretary, G. M. Bourgeois; treasurer, Timothy Vigeant; physician, Dr. L. V. Rochelle; trustees, M. Pratt, T. Fortier and Frank Langlois.

At the meeting of Court City of Lowell, F. of A., last night, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, John F. Connolly; sub chief ranger, James H. Taylor; treasurer, James F. Kelley; junior woodward, Daniel F. Kennedy; senior woodward, James F. Shanahan; senior beadle, Frank Oulette; junior beadle, Stephen Hadigan; trustee for three years, Patrick Coughlin; for one year, Michael Gilligan; physician, Michael Meagher, M. D.

At a meeting of Chevalier lodge, K. of P., last night, the second degree was conferred on one candidate by the degree staff of Hines lodge. A smoke talk followed

Centralville lodge, I.O.O.F., of Centralville worked the second degree on one candidate last night.

The degree staff of Victoria lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., will participate in the institution of a new lodge of the order at Gloucester, Saturday evening, Dec. 31.

A a meeting of Post 120 last night, it was voted to hold a joint installation of officers with the Women's Relief Corps on the first Wednesday in January.

DRACUT.

The last December meeting of the Grange was held Monday evening with a large attendance. Several lady members responded to the roll call who did not answer to their names at the last meeting, according to the order of the lecturer, and read humorous selections, occupying the early part of the evening. After intermission a report of the State Grange, which was held in Worcester last week, was given by Worthy Master Geo. A. H. Richardson, and listened to with much interest. This was followed by a lively discussion, "Does farming pay as well as other occupations, considering the amount of money invested?" Disputants, Messrs. Calvin Richardson, E. A. Stevens, S. R. Kitchen, Selden Coburn, George H. Stevens, Walter Harvey, Walter Coburn, D. Nute Cluff, Norman Peavey and Mrs. George H. Richardson. Sentiment of the house was 12 for affirmative and 10 negative.

Instalation of officers will be held the first Monday in January. Supper under the supervision of George H. Stevens and E. S. Howe.

There is much sickness in town. Selectman Charles Jones, who has been very ill with pneumonia and heart trouble, is said to be a little better and hope is entertained for his recovery.

Saturday evening the primary and kindergarten departments of the Sunday school will give the entertainment. There will be the usual tree, and Santa in all his glory will be there and dispense gifts to the children.

Sunday morning there will be Christmas service. Special music has been prepared by the choir, assisted by an orchestra of five pieces, Mr. Will Hallowell leader of the orchestra. Prominent speakers from the city will interest the audience. Address by pastor.

The Ladies' Aid have decided to hold their annual fair the third week in January, and preparations are being made for a social and profitable occasion. Committees on sales tables will be announced later. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harvey are to have charge of the supper.

CHELMSFORD.

The second number in the course of free lectures under the direction of the Literary union of Chelmsford was given in the town hall last evening. It was an impersonation of the characters in Shakespeare's drama of Julius Caesar by Rev. A. C. White of Ware. There was a good attendance although not quite as large as at the opening lecture, due, no doubt, to less favorable weather conditions. Rev. E. C. Bartlett of the lecture committee presided. Mr. White is no stranger to a Chelmsford audience as last year in the Union course he gave a fine presentation of Hamlet. His work last evening was of a high order showing a most tenacious memory, marked versatility, and the ability to bring out strongly the salient trials of the dramatis personae.

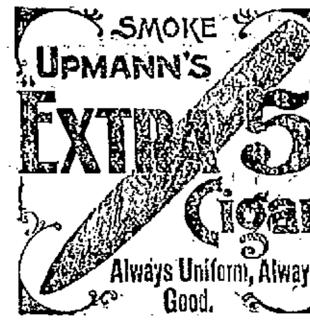
It was announced that the third lecture will be given Saturday afternoon, Jan. 7, at 2.30 o'clock when the venerable statesman, Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell of Groton, will speak upon "Incidents of the Civil War." Mr. Boutwell's national reputation together with the fact that he was not merely an observer of affairs at that period but a participant in congressional action, will give to his words both interest and weight.

MARRIED HIS SON.

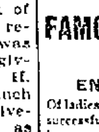
Justice of the Peace Hayes of Jersey City, aroused from sleep early yesterday by a couple who desired to be married, found to his surprise when he hurried downstairs, that the groom to be was his son James.

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The Late T. F. Molloy, the Popular Music Teacher and Tenor, Who Died at St. John's Hospital This Morning.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR

Robber Shot While Plundering a House.

It is Not Known Who Shot the Man—Members of the Family Say They Know Nothing About the Shooting.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 22.—The most peculiar shooting affair which has ever been brought to the attention of the police of this city occurred early this morning at the winter home of Hon. John Shaw at the corner of Elm and Washington streets when a robber who had plundered the house, lost his life.

The whole affair is very mysterious, as the occupants of Mr. Shaw's house declare that they heard no shot fired and did not know that their home had been entered until the dead body of the robber was found when the family arose this morning.

The discovery of the body was made by Mrs. George Pfaffman, a domestic who was the first in the house to rise and as she came down stairs she noticed that a window in the front sitting room was open. In crossing the room to close the window, she stumbled over something which on examination proved to be the dead body of a man. The body was directly in front of a bay window, which was open. Mrs. Pfaffman's shrieks aroused the other occupants of the household and the police were at once notified. Officer Colloran responded to the summons and took charge of the body until the arrival of the medical examiner. The officer found that the burglar's coat, hat and shoes had been left on the piazza just outside the window that Mrs. Pfaffman had found open.

The body was dressed in a new brown suit in the pocket of which a gold watch, diamond pin and two pairs of eyeglasses belonging to members of the Shaw family were found. Besides these articles there were also found a jack knife, thirteen 38-calibre cartridges, $21.60 in money, a ticket from Waltham to Boston, and a piece of paper marked "James Emerson, Green street, Jamaica Plain."

The man was probably 35 years of age, of short build, short brown hair and sandy moustache. On the face was about a week's growth of beard. The body when found was lying on the left side and the man when shot had been in his shirtsleeves, his coat having been left outside. The bullet entered three and one-half inches above the right nipple and took an upward course. It is thought internal hemorrhage was caused by the shot as not the slightest sign of blood was found about the clothing or body and it was not until the medical examiner had made a careful examination that it became known that the man had been shot. The police are greatly puzzled over the affair.

Mr. Shaw and all the members of his family stoutly declare that they heard no shot fired though one member of the family heard a noise as if something were falling heavily about two o'clock in the morning. At first the police were inclined to believe that the shot was fired by some member of Mr. Shaw's family, but since the latter have denied any knowledge of the shooting, they are working on the theory that the robber was shot by a "pal" who was watching outside and who thought he was firing at the owner of the house just as his companion came toward the window. Neighbors living nearby and night workmen in a bakery in the vicinity of the house, declare they heard a pistol shot about 2 o'clock this morning. It is fairly certain that the man was shot while making ready to leave the house as his body was found directly beneath the window at which he had entered. The body was taken to Hall's undertaking rooms to await identification.

BOTH MET DEATH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Avon, N. Y., Dec. 22.—William H. Masters, an engineer on the Erie railroad and Patrick O'Brien, head brakeman, were killed in a freight collision west of Wayland this morning.

RIPARIAN OWNERS

Cannot Build Wharves Into Submerged Shallows

WITHOUT LICENSE FROM THE STATE.

Important Decision of the Supreme Court.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22.—The supreme court of Illinois has rendered a decision declaring that riparian owners along the shore of Lake Michigan have no right to build wharves, docks or piers out into the submerged shallows without license from the state authorities and that the state, holding the submerged lands in trust for the people, would be false to its trust if it should permit shore owners to encroach upon the public domain.

The decision was rendered on an appeal from the circuit court by Alexander H. Revell of Chicago, who had built two piers out from his property and who was proceeded against by the state as unlawfully reclaiming land made by accretion.

The decision takes precedence over the United States supreme court decision anent the Illinois Central railroad and leaves the way clear for the state to proceed at once against that company to reclaim for the state all the docks and wharves that the corporation has built out into the lake according to the opinion of the national tribunal.

COURT OF CLAIMS.

DENIES THE CLAIM OF SEVERAL PARTIES FOR SERVICES RENDERED STATE OF ILLINOIS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22.—The court of claims has denied the claim of Isaac R. Hitt, Mary S. Logan, widow of Gen. John A. Logan and Catherine Wiltshire of $26,500. The claim was for services alleged to have been rendered by Hitt, J. A. Logan and Wiltshire in securing the refunding of the direct tax to Illinois. The claim was rejected because not filed with the state auditor within two years after it matured; that the constitution provided that the legislature shall not authorize payment of claims based on contracts not expressed or implied by law.

LAMP TRIMMER KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—Edward M. Hayward, lamp trimmer, was instantly killed here this morning while renewing carbons in the foundry of the Holyoke Machine company. He received the full force of a short circuit current which was caused by crossed wires.

DEATHS.

WILLIS—Died in Ramsey, Ill., Dec. 14, Mrs. Carrie Newall, wife of Azro Willis. She leaves a husband, two sisters and one brother. Mrs. Willis was a sister of Mrs. Charles H. Hill of Myrtle street.

BATTLES—Hannah S. Battles, aged 68 years, wife of Cyrus M. Battles, died Wednesday at 38 Sixth street. She is survived besides her husband by a son and daughter. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home.

TWELVE LOST.

IN THE WRECK OF A SLOOP WHICH WAS BOUND FOR ATLIN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22—The Rosalie, which has arrived from Skaguay, reports the wreck of a sloop which left Wrangel two weeks ago with a party of twelve bound for Atlin. The sloop was found bottom up by Indians and is is feared that all have been lost.

Fred Smith of Victoria, just out from Atlin brings news of two more rich gold bearing creeks discvered. The new find has been christened Moose and Goose Creek.

News is brought of the wreck of the steamer Ohio of Victoria. No lives were lost.

INPORTANT DECISION.

ALIEN BORN WOMEN BECOME NATURALIZED WHEN THEY MARRY CITIZENS OF THE STATE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22—In the contested election case of O. H. Brigham, against P. C. Stanford, the court lays down the rule that alien born women become naturalized when they marry citizens of the State. The appelant was elected a member of a board of education in Livingston county and his election was contested on the ground that a number of alien women, the wives of citizens, had been permitted to vote at the election. The court declares that the marriage of an alien born woman to a citizen is sufficient to make her a citizen, and that she may vote under the same laws that other women vote.

MINISTER CONGER

PROTESTS AGAINST PROPOSED EXTENSION OF FRENCH JURISDICTION AT SHANGHAI.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Pekin, Dec. 22—The United States Minister here, Mr. Edward H. Conger, has entered a protest against the proposed extension of French jurisdiction at Shanghai. This added to the vigorous British protest on the same subject, will undoubtedly stiffen Chinese resistance to the French demand. But unless the Chines are sustained, they will eventually be compelled to yield.

TRUE AND MURPHY

Both Appear Before Judge Hadley.

THE FORMER WAIVES AN EXAMINATION.

Held for Superior Court—Murphy Continued.

The continued cases of William T. True and Edwin D. Murphy came up in police court this forenoon before Judge Hadley. Both were charged with obtaining money from the city of Lowell under false pretences. True was represented by Lawyer James Corbett who waived examination and the court ordered True in $500 for trial before the Superior court the second Monday in February. Mr. True's father furnished the bond. John W. McEvoy, Esq., Mr. Murphy's counsel sent a letter to Judge Hadley, which was read in court, stating that it was impossible for him to appear in court owing to an important business engagement in Boston and he asked for a continuance for one week. This was granted and Murphy was held in $500. Bail was furnished by Mr. William Callahan.

Mr. True shows the effects of his recent severe illness and looked pale and careworn as if suffering from mental strain.

Of the other cases Margaret Conroy paid a fine of $50 for illegally keeping liquor.

Of the eight drunks the majority were released by court or fined a nominal sum, the only sentences being Mary A. Gardner, one month to the workhouse and Annie F. O'Hare, five months to the same institution.

FUNERALS.

FARRELL—The funeral of Amelia Farrell took place at 9 o'clock from her late home, 142 Fayette street, this morning. The cortege proceeded from the residence to the Immaculate Conception church where a requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., and the choir rendered the Gregorian chant under the direction of P. F. Haggerty. The choir also sang "Rest, Spirit, Rest," at the conclusion of the service and as the remains were being removed from the church. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery. The bearers were Michael and John Flanagan, William Sullivan, William Buckley, Michael Carey and James Carr. The funeral was largely attended and many friends of the deceased witnessed the interment of the remains.

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The Ship Tacoma Will Sail Today.

MULES FOR TROOPS AT MANILA.

And Other Articles Needed for Work There.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The ship Tacoma will sail today for Honolulu with 111 army mules on board. At Honolulu the mules will be turned out for a few weeks' exercise and will then be reshipped along with 200 mules and horses already in Honolulu and the whole lot will be taken to Manila for the use of the United States troops there. In addition, the Tacoma carries a large assortment of wagons, dump carts, plows and other things necessary for the work of improving the roads in the Philippines.

BILLERICA.

The Billerica friends of Mr. George Gregg of Waltham are grieved to learn of his illness and hope for his speedy recovery.

The social supper given at the Orthodox church on Wednesday eve of last week was much enjoyed by many from other societies, who shared the cordial feast of viands as well as of reason and the happy flow of friendliness as well as the "flow of soul."

The young ladies of the town enjoy their embroidery club and artistic work is being done by them.

The whist club met with Mrs. Beck of South Billerica this week.

Deacon King, who unfortunately both dislocated and fractured his wrist recently, is said to be doing well. Neither the inconvenience nor the suffering has daunted his energy and activity.

There was present in the congregation at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the venerable Mrs. William Blanchard, and the circumstance was notable, as the day had brought to her the 87th anniversary of her birth. Many gave cordial greeting to her, and Rev. Mr. Simons spoke from the pulpit fitting words of congratulations for her presence with us as a renewal of her old-time association with the place of worship.

Next Sunday there will be the observance of a Christmas communion service. In the evening the Sunday school will hold a Christmas concert.

On Saturday evening, December 24th a Christmas festival for the Sunday school children and their friends will be given in the vestry of the Unitarian church, beginning promptly at 6.30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Benevolent circle, which met on Thursday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Hawes, was well attended. There was a pleasant, social evening. Local charities are receiving laudable attention by this circle.

At the next regular meeting in January of the Women's Alliance, it is expected Rev. M. C. Simons will give a talk.

The schools in town will have a week's vacation at Christmas.

The Young People's Religious union, announcing the Heritage meeting on Forefathers' Day, at the First church in Boston, received cordial acceptance. For the church in Billerica, Mrs. Frederick S. Clark was chosen reception committee for the delegates. Rev. Mr. Simons prepared a sketch of the church history.

The sad tiding of the tragic death of the well known musical instructor, Fred L. Diman, was received with feelings of great sorrow by his many Billerica friends.

TWO RAILROADS.

WILL EXTEND THEIR LINES TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—The Chronicle says: There are strong indications that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific roads are figuring on extending their lines to the Pacific coast. The absorption of the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands by this country, it is expected, by the owners of these roads, will open up an immense trans-continental rail business both east and west bound. The recent deal by which the Santa Fe will have its own line into San Francisco in the spring has awakened the officers of the competing semi-transcontinental roads.

BOUTS DECLARED OFF.

The three bouts scheduled to take place at Suncook last evening were declared off owing to the interference of the town authorities. The managers of the affair tried to make arrangements to pull off the bouts at Hookset but one of the selectmen at that place objected and the managers have given up all hopes of pulling off the matches in that section. Several Lowell sports who went to Suncook were out car fare and other pocket money and are beginning to think that "the game is killed for fare" about these parts.

EXTEND THE COMBINATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Wallingford, Conn., Dec. 22.—A high official of the silverware manufacturing concern of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., of this place has announced today that his company had entered the International Silver company. The case of this concern was acted upon favorably by the directors of the International Silver company at a meeting in New York on Tuesday.

By the entrance of Simpson, Hall Miller & Company, all of the important silver concerns in the town are now in the combination except R. Wallace & Sons.

TRACK WALKER KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 22.—Peter Fournier, a track walker, riding on a railroad velocipede at Dodgeville this morning, was struck and killed by the way freight from Boston. He leaves a wife and eight children. The fatality was due to the dense fog.

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NEW HERO FOUND

Now by the Board of Strategy.

IN THE FAMOUS BATTLE OF CAVITE.

Ensign Ward Praised by Spanish Admiral.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The official reports of all commanding officers of the navy during the war have been compiled and published by the navy department. While treating of events that have already figured in published official reports, the documents still contain many minor reports that throw side-lights on interesting phases of the war.

In the brief record of the proceedings of the naval war board, an unknown hero is brought to light in the person of Ensign H. H. Ward, who at the beginning of the war was on duty in the navigating bureau. He volunteered for secret service duty, and his exploits, about which nothing has been said in the past, may well be placed on record beside those of other heroes. Within a week after the declaration of war, Ensign Ward disguised himself and went straight into the heart of the enemy's country, making his headquarters at Cadiz, the principal Spanish naval station, and informing the navy department here of the actual strenght of the Spanish naval vessels and their movements. Then he went to the West Indies and reported everything that was going on there of importance to the American navy. Next he went, in disguise, to Porto Rico, where he was arrested as a suspected spy. By adroitness he managed to secure his release, and, escaping from San Juan, cabled the navy department a full account of the defenses there and the preparations making for the reception of the Spanish squadron under Cervera. All this time even the officials of the navy department were under the impression that Mr. Ward was engaged in installing a system of coast signals on the New England coast. While Ward was in Porto Rico, Ensign Buck, another attache of the navigation bureau, was on the shores of the Mediterranean, in disguise, watching every movement of the squadron under Admiral Camara, which started for the Philippines, but turned back.

Of the strategy board itself, it is said that it was part of its duty to keep informed of all of the movements, resources and plans of the Spanish naval forces through secret agents, and it is now known that the navy was thus informed of all important movements. At times, however, information was conflicting, and decisions had to be made as to which report was true.

The reports of the famous naval battle at Cavite include one from Consul General Wildman. Following it is a report to his government on the same engagement by Admiral Montijo, the commander-in-chief of the ill-fated Spanish fleet. The admiral depicts the bad condition of the Spanish fleet and defenses. He says that the cruiser Castilla was incapable of maneuvering on account of her bad condition, while the defenses at the entrance of Subic bay were very backward. With much disgust he found that the guns which should have been mounted were delayed a month and a half, and he was no less disgusted to find that reliance was had for the defense of the port upon a few torpedoes, not properly placed. Finding Subic bay defenseless, the Spanish squadron repaired to the bay of Manila to meet battle under less unfavorable conditions. The admiral avoided the city, not wishing to draw fire upon it, and prepared his fleet for action, painted his vessels a dark grey, and having the fires spread and springs on all the cables. He says that the forces of Dewey's vessels, leaving out transports, amounted to 21,410 tons, 45,250 horse-power, 163 guns, many rapid-fire; 1760 men, and an average velocity of 17 miles. Against this power of his only five effective ships was 10,111 tons, 11,200 horse-power, 76 guns, very short of rapid-fire; 1875 men and maximum speed of 12 miles.

The admiral describes in vivid language the terrible effect of the American onslaught on the Spanish vessels. He says: "The Americans fired most rapidly. There came upon us numerous projectiles, as the three cruisers at the end of the line devoted themselves almost entirely to fighting the Cristina, my flagship. A short time after the action commenced, one shell exploded in the forecastle and put out of action all those who served the four rapid-fire cannon.

"Meantime another shell exploded in the orlop deck, setting fire to the crew's bags. At 7:30, one shell destroyed completely the steering gear, another destroyed the mizzen, bringing down my flag and ensign. Another shell exploded on the poop and put out of action nine men. A fresh shell exploded in the officers' cabin, covering the hospital with blood, destroying the wounded who were being treated there. Another exploded in the ammunition room. I had to flood the magazine when the cartridges began to explode. One large shell penetrated the fire room, putting out of action one master gunner and 12 men serving the guns; another rendered useless the starboard bow gun, and, while the fire increased astern, another fire started forward from another shell. The boardside guns continued firing until there were only one gun and one seaman remaining unhurt for serving them. The ship being out of control, the hull, smoke pipe, and mast riddled with shot, or confused with the cries of the wounded, among whom were seven officers, I gave the order to sink and abandon the ship before the magazines exploded."

The story of the loss of the Castella was substantially the story of the loss of all the other Spanish ships, and Admiral Montijo sums up his account with this statement:

"The inefficiency of the vessels which composed my little squadron, the lack of all classes of personnel, especially master gunners and seamen gunners, the ineptitude of some of the provisional machinists, the scarcity of rapid-fire cannon, the strong crews of the enemy and the unperfected character of the greater part of our vessels all contributed to make much more decided the sacrifice which we made for our country, and to prevent the possibility of the horrors of a bombardment of the city of Manila, with the conviction that with the security of our forces against the superior enemy we were going to certain death and could expect a loss of all the ships. Our casualties, including those of the arsenal, amounted to 381 men killed and wounded."

An evidence of the strategy exhibited by the navy department in sending reinforcements to Dewey is shown in a dispatch of June 27, informing him of the coming of the Monadnock. Probably with a view to preventing him from falling into a trap, she was not dispatched directly to Manila, but was ordered to a point 600 miles due east from Cape Engano, where she was to meet one of Dewey's ships.

Apparently the first suggestion of the organization of the flying squadron which was to divert Admiral Camara's squadron from its voyage to Manila came from Dewey, for in a dispatch of June 27, he says: "In my judgment if the egost of Spain is threatened the squadron of the enemy will have to return," and that was exactly what happened.

The report of the operations of the north Atlantic fleet comprises the larger part of the printed matter. Most of the facts have already appeared, but there is an interesting exchange of letters between Secretary Long and Admiral Sampson, showing that even before the outbreak of the war, the admiral had worked out a complete plan for the immediate reduction of Havana with his own squadron, unsupported, and was only prevented from carrying out that plan by orders from the department, which wished to protect the big ironclads.

There is a lively report from Captain Sigsbee of the engagement between the St. Paul, under his command, and the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror, which resulted in the sight of the latter in a sinking condition into the harbor, where she was run aground to prevent her from sinking. Captain Folger of the cruiser New Orleans testifies to the damage done by the shot of the St. Paul, repeating the testimony of an English resident of San Juan, who examined the Terror.

An unpublished report up to this time is one of Admiral Schley, dated June 1, giving an account of the bombardment by his fleet of the fortifications of Santiago, the day before Sampson arrived on the scene. The report says in part:

"None of our vessels were struck, although the shots fell over and around them. I have learned from the insurgents that the Reina Mercedes was struck by a shell and eight men were killed; also that a number of shots struck the Morro. The reconnaissance developed the fact that the Spanish vessels are in the harbor, and that the fortifications are well provided with long-range guns of large calibre."

IN WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY.

Sad Sequel to Domestic Troubles of the Marchioness of Donegal.

London, Dec. 22.—Miserably clad and apparently in acute destitution, the Marchioness of Donegal applied yesterday for admittance to the Great Northern hospital, from which place she was removed to the Islington workhouse infirmary. She explained that she was homeless and not willing to communicate with her wealthy friends, or with her husband, who is suffering from pneumonia.

The story of the life of the marchioness is painful. She left her husband in 1873, and in 1885 instituted separation proceedings, at which counter charges of misconduct were made. Unsavory details of their conjugal life were also bandied about. The marchioness failed to obtain alimony and has since received assistance from her friends. In May last she broke her leg in a hotel elevator and was taken to a hospital.

The marquis has had a troubled financial career. He was declared a bankrupt in 1883, with liabilities estimated at £118,816. He then said he considered he was justified in raising half a million of money, in view of the fact that he had prospects of succeeding to an estate of £50,000 a year. But, owing to the entail, he only succeeded to £180 a year. He was mixed up in financial flotation this year, when he lent his name to a company prospectus, which caused The Star to criticise him as "a peer with a record of disgracing the order to which he belonged."

THE SPANISH CABINET CRISIS.

London, Dec. 22.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard says: Much surprise is expressed that Senor Sagasta should be seeking a rather compromising alliance with the Weyler party. It is supposed that his idea is to compensate for the loss of some 30 senators and 60 deputies who seceded with Senor Canovas, the leader of the discontented Liberals. General Weyler is coming here to confer with the premier, who is expected to accept also the advances of Senor Robledo and Senor Canalejas. This political triumvirate may prolong the existence of the cabinet, but many influential Liberals absolutely decline to accept the suggested allies, while the Conservatives refuse to believe that the queen regent will consent to such a solution of the grave crisis.

HARRISON TOO PREVIOUS.

Havana, Dec. 22.—It now appears that the raising of the Stars and Stripes over Fort Abanes Tuesday by Major Harrison was a surprise to both the United States and the Spanish military commissioners. The American commissioners had agreed that no American flags should be raised until Jan. 1. Major Harrison did not know this, and, when told to occupy the fort with a detachment of the First North Carolina regiment, he promptly raised the flag. Nevertheless, though it flies in full sight of the harbor and city, the Spaniards have not complained, and it has not been ordered down.

GERMANY ALONE CONCERNED.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The North German Gazette, in announcing that the imperial meat inspection bill is now ready to be submitted to the bundesrath, says: The introduction of a uniform system of inspection has long been contemplated and is purely a German affair with which we alone are concerned.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Rain tonight and Friday morning, followed by fair and colder weather; south to southwest winds.

SHIP BERLIN ASHORE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

London, Dec. 22.—Ship Berlin, Captain Gaffry, which sailed from New York July 24 for Amoy, China, is reported to be ashore at Hoolow Fay, near the latter port, from which assistance has been sent.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies suited for the sick room

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:11; sets, 4:16.
Moon sets—3:14 a. m.
Full sea—7:30 a. m.; 8:15 p. m.

Rain may be expected in New England, the middle and north Atlantic and lake regions, Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys. The weather will clear in the south Atlantic and east gulf states, and will be generally fair in all other districts.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.

We have our usual large assortment of dolls, toys, sleds, skates and fancy china ware. Dickson Bros., the big Tea dealers, 13 Merrimack St.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 439-4.

For your Christmas dinner call at the Merrimack square market.

Steinert's Mammoth Music Store open every evening this week.

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Banjos, guitars, mandolins for Christmas. W. E. Stratton, 14 Hildreth building.

Bargains in unredeemed Diamonds, from $20.00 up. Can't duplicate them in New England. Harris, 10 Appleton St.

President George H. Taylor anticipates being absent for a week before assuming the new dignity of alderman.

It has come—the need for that coat. Rourke & Sullivan will furnish you the very best, 94 Gorham street, and 223 Central street.

A course of shorthand for your daughter would make a fine Christmas gift. Obtain it at Miss Hard's school. First class in all respects.

Winter term begins January 2nd at Miss Hard's school. Shorthand and typewriting exclusively taught by the latest and most improved methods.

If you are in doubt what to do for your son or daughter for Christmas, why not give them a course of shorthand and typewriting at Miss Hard's school? Nothing will yield you better returns.

Col. Barrett, whose death resulted from a fall from a third story window in Concord, Mass., was well known in Lowell and was a guest of Old Middlesex chapter, S. A. R., this week at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neale on Beacon street.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The postponed race at Long Meadow which was scheduled for yesterday afternoon was not trotted, owing to the unfavorable condition of the track.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Hon. J. W. Fairbanks of Boston gave a lecture last night at the High school hall under the auspices of the Frederic T. Greenhalge debating society. He told the story of Marcus Whitman and the development of the great northwest. Illustrated with good lantern slides. It was an entertaining and instructive talk, especially valuable to young students of American history, and was full of the spirit of patriotism. Every patriotic sentiment was heartily cheered by the young people in the audience.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

One day last week, Mr. S. A. Brigham, the veteran depotmaster at the Middlesex street station, while giving instructions to his men in reference to transferring some baggage, was struck on the head by a falling trunk from one of the baggage trucks, inflicting a very ugly scalp wound, which required several stitches. Mr. Brigham reported for duty next day, feeling not much the worse from the effects of the blow and has been receiving congratulations from his many friends for escaping a very serious accident.

NORTH BILLERICA.

It is announced by the school committee that the public schools will close on Friday, the 23d, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 2d, of the new year. Christmas trees will add interest to the closing exercises at the Kindergarten and Talbot schools. There will be a tree and supper at the Baptist church, Saturday evening and a concert appropriate to Christmas on Sunday evening. The post office will soon be transferred to the new building erected by the Talbot mills company.

The Christmas sale by the ladies of the First Baptist church and the entertainment in the evening given by the young people of the North Billerica Baptist church on December 15th, was an occasion of much success. The program of the entertainment consisted of chorus by all; song, selected, Mr. James Ritchie; recitation, Miss Sarah Balmforth; solo and chorus, Mr. S. Stott; chorus by all; duet, Miss A. Wain and Mr. A. Ellis; reading, Miss M. E. Stott; solo, Mr. Arthur Ellis; harmonica and piano duet; closing chorus "Good Night".

SCHOOL AND HOME.

VALUABLE TALK TO MOTHERS AND TEACHERS AT THE CLUB.

Before the education department of the Women's club, yesterday, Miss Margaret Warner Morley of Boston, an experienced educator, spoke to mothers and teachers on the subject, "The Renewal of Life; How and When to Tell the Story to the Children." The subject was handled in a dignified manner and the right of every child to definite, pure and correct teaching on the subject of the important functions of life was strongly insisted upon by the speaker. The topic was technically considered and the opportunity to ask questions was improved in a thoughtful manner by several of the ladies present.

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HE WAS KNOWN

Charles Sullivan of Manchester, N. H.

WHO DIED ON A TRAIN YESTERDAY.

Was a Prosperous Business Man There.

The many Lowell friends of Charles Sullivan, one of Manchester's best known men were grieved when news was received in this city of his death which took place on Tuesday morning of pulmonary phthisis. Mr. Sullivan had been ailing for a few years and early last spring removed to Southern Pines, N. C., on the advice of his physician with the hope of recuperating from the effects of the dread disease. John Collins, the father-in-law of the dead man, visited the south last week with the intention of returning with the invalid, who did not show signs of gaining health in that clime. They left Southern Pines on Sunday and Mr. Sullivan showed no signs of weakening until they had reached Massachusetts, when he grew weaker and shortly after the train left Nashua, he rapidly sank and passed away in the arms of Mrs. Sullivan, who had gone to North Carolina in company with her husband. At the Manchester passenger station a large number of friends had gathered to greet him and they were much shocked at hearing the sad news of his death.

Charles Sullivan was born in Montpelier, Vt., thirty-three years ago and received his education in St. Michael's parochial school of that town, from which he graduated. At the close of his school career he entered the employ of a large grocery firm, which position he held until he removed to Manchester thirteen years ago. He then entered the employ of William, familiarly known as "Billy" Hurd on Manchester street, Manchester, as clerk and was afterwards associated with William Hayes on Central street in the Queen City, filling a like position. In December, 1891, together with his partner, Michael Lawlor, he opened a cafe on Nutfield Lane, also in Manchester, which business he was associated with up to the time of his death.

He was a popular member of the Moose club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Manchester and was well known throughout New England racing circles, being a prominent horseman and a particular friend of the late Thomas J. McLaughlin who was buried in Lowell yesterday. Mr. Sullivan is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mary Regina of Manchester, who accompanied him on his last trip, and a mother, Mrs. Sullivan of Lincoln, Neb.; five brothers, John of Boston, Timothy of Chester, Vt., William of Omaha, Fred of Lincoln, Neb., Edward of Manchester. He also leaves four sisters, all residing at Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Sullivan, the widow of the young man, is nearly prostrated with grief and she has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

KENWOOD.

The pupils at the Kenwood school, under the direction of the efficient and popular teacher, Miss Whitford, devoted a part of Tuesday to musical and literary exercises appropriate to Christmas. The following highly interesting program was carried out:

Magic lantern exhibition; song, "O Kenwood School," written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue; song by school, "We Are Happy Fairies;" recitation, Coburn Fife; recitation, "A Little Schemer," Minnie Irvin; song, "Christmas Soldiers," by school; recitation, "O, That Christmas Stocking," James Farley; song, "Happy Christmas" Katie and Annie Farley; dialogue by primary class, led by Louise Selsam; recitation in costume, by Beatrice Jeffcock, "In Imitation Japanese;" song by Kate and Anne Farley; recitation by Anthony Irvin; dialogue, "Adaptation from Little Women;"—Mrs. March, Amy Goodhue; Meg, Kate Farley; Joe, Anne Farley; Amy, Emma McLeon; Billie, Beatrice Jeffcock; recitation, Charles McLeon; song, "O Christmas Tree," by school; Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Mr. Vinal; distribution of presents; duet, Jewsharp and harmonica, Mr. Will Irvin and Mr. Jones; phonograph; A song which was sung by the school was written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue of Kenwood.

UNAUTHORIZED.

It is learned that a young woman is going about the Highlands soliciting 25 cents or a doll for the women's branch of the People's club, to be given away at Christmas time. This is wholly unauthorized. The Christmas work of the club is done without begging, and no one is permitted to solicit gifts in its behalf. The holiday enterprise of the women's branch is carried on without ostentation and the public is not asked to help as all the work is done by the girls who frequent the club rooms in the Swan building.

AT DAY NURSERIES.

The annual Christmas gatherings will be held at the Day Nurseries, 64 Kirk street and on First street, Centralville, upon the afternoon and evening of December 24th.

There will be Christmas trees with gifts for the children and supper will be served for the little ones and their friends.

Contributions of toys and fancy articles for the trees, or supplies of any kind for the table, are most earnestly solicited, and can be left at either nursery house at any time during the present week.

WILL BEGIN JANUARY 3.

The January circuit term of the supreme court of New Hampshire for Hillsborough county will be gin in the Manchester court house on Tuesday, January 3. Judges Peaslee and Young will sit and the term is expected to be a very busy one. There are 236 cases marked for the jury. The jury list has been printed and just been distributed.

Miss Edith E. Russell has returned from the Bible Normal College at Springfield.

Mrs. Arthur Blake and son of Taunton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ensley of Weed street.

THE ARMORY BALL

Brilliant Event by Co. G Soldiers.

MANY FAIR DANCERS GRACE OCCASION.

Bugle Calls Add to Romantic Scenes.

The armory last evening, was the scene of a brilliant gathering, it being the occasion of a military party, given under the auspices of Company G, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers. More than 300 couples enjoyed the dancing and there was a continuous scene of gaiety and graceful animation until an early hour this morning.

It was the second military ball held in Lowell since the war and like that of Company C proved a grand social and financial success. It will net the company a neat sum for the purpose of replacing some of the equipment which was rendered unfit for further use in the war.

The orchestra platform was draped with the national colors and rows of potted plants and tropical foliage made it a veritable beauty spot. Immediately above the platform was a mammoth floral spread eagle, the gift of Charles Miles to the company. From 8 to 9 o'clock Hibbard's orchestra entertained with one of its excellent programs, the numbers of which were as follows:

March "U. S. Cruiser Columbia" ..... Bowman
Overture, "Romantic" ..... Keler-Bela
Mazurka Caprice, "Humming Bird" ..... Banard
Fantasie on Hungarian Melodies ..... Toland
Waltz de concert "Louise" ..... Owen

At 9 o'clock the grand march was started, Capt. and Mrs. William Fairweather led the procession and they were immediately followed by Lieut. George S. Howard and Miss Maggie Leckie, Lieut. and Mrs. Lewis G. Hunton, George H. Payne of Company H of Stoneham and Mrs. Fred G. Hunton, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon and Miss Agnes Roy, Corp. William Prescott and Miss Lizzie Fairweather, Quartermaster-Sergt. Frank Boyle and Miss Ellsworth, Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk and Miss Hartford. Lieut. Thos. Livingston of Company C was also in the march as were also several noncoms. and privates in the company including Sergt. Hahn, Sergt. Mitchell, and Corp. Savage.

There were about 160 couples in the march and when it developed into a waltz, there were fully 50 more couples upon the floor and fully 150 spectators in the gallery and around the sides of the hall.

The dance order was an excellent one of 21 numbers and extras with a half hour's intermission at midnight when light refreshments were served by Geo. S. Holt. The officers of the occasion were as follows:

General manager, Capt. William Fairweather; assistants, Lieut. George S. Howard and Lieut. Lewis G. Hunton; floor director, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon; assistant, Corp. William M. Prescott; chief aid, Quartermaster Sergeant Frank A. Boyle; aids, Privates Samuel Busby, John A. Delmore, John J. Galr, William F. Hunt, Joseph F. Murphy, John W. O'Brien, James H. Pearson, Harold L. Young, Eugene R. McCann, Thomas S. Garity, Frank M. Joy, Thos. W. Doyle, Arthur Boucher, John Lowe. Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk was treasurer and Privates J. W. Bull and Frank J. Monroe did efficient work as ticket sellers at the door. Casimir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, also made himself useful by distributing orders as the guests entered the armory.

BUGLE CALLS.

There were no invited guests. The next military ball will have them though.

Privates McGlynn and Brophy, "the soldier boy twins" were among those present enjoying themselves. Both are now in excellent health.

Everybody was glad to see Armorer Carr around once more, he having recovered from his recent illness.

Casimir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, received his kindergarten instruction in the art of Terpsichore on this occasion.

Just before the grand march were heard the shrill notes of several military calls. They came from the bugle that was brought back from Porto Rico by Frank V. Parke. Musician Riggs of Company C was the bugler.

Those who did not care to dance were invited to the bowling alleys. The alleys were deserted all the evening.

"Sprocket" Holt was the caterer.

The final order for the muster out of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment was sent from Washington to Boston Tuesday by Adjt.-Gen. Corbin. The members of the regiment will assemble between Jan. 3 and 20 to receive their discharge papers.

The original Company M members as well as those who enlisted to go to the front will meet at the armory tonight. It is expected that a number of appointments to "non-com" positions will be discussed, as there are several vacancies to fill.

First Lieutenant Harding of the provisional company that was organized last summer to take the place of Company M received an honorable discharge from Adjt. Gen. Dalton last night.

Private Poole of Company M has gone to Salt Lake city where his wife and children are living.

Private Frank Parks of Company C, Sixth Massachusetts regiment, will leave Monday for Americus, Ga., to join Company L of the Eighth Massachusetts, which is now encamped there.

On inquiry at the war department, Arthur F. Salmon, the mayor's agent, ascertained that there is not yet any official record of United States soldiers who died in the Spanish war.

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TOM McLAUGHLIN

THE LAWRENCE AMERICAN SPEAKS OF HIS DEATH.

Thomas J. McLaughlin, formerly of this city, died Monday noon at the Holiday farm in South Nashua, aged 56 years. Deceased was for many years the proprietor of the Franklin house at Lowell, retiring early in the present year to his farm where he hoped to regain his lost health. He suffered from a complication of diseases. Mr. McLaughlin enjoyed an extensive acquaintance in Lawrence and numbered some of our foremost citizens among his personal friends. Until late years he was a prominent figure on the race tracks of this and other states and has owned several speeders. He was a widower, his wife having died recently. He is survived by a brother and sister.—Lawrence American.

PASTOR AND WIFE.

RECEPTION AT UNITARIAN CHURCH LAST NIGHT.

A reception was tendered last evening to Rev. Charles T. Billings, pastor of the Unitarian church, and wife, by the Young People's Fraternity. It being the occasion of the regular monthly meeting of this popular church organization. The vestry was handsomely decorated and Mr. and Mrs. Billings received their friends while standing under a special arrangement of electric lights intertwined with mistletoe and holly. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. The American orchestra furnished music and the evening was one of rare pleasure for all. The decorations were in charge of Miss Beard and the general arrangements in charge of the executive committee. The society announced that Mr. Louis C. Elson of Boston will give a lecture in the church vestry, Jan. 4, on "The History of National Music."

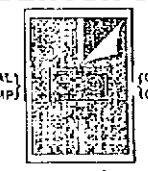
COLLINSVILLE.

THE EMMETT CLUB COMING TO THE FRONT.

The Emmet club will hold its first concert and ball Jan. 16, at Willow Dale. The Emmett and Jolly Eight clubs have been sturdy rivals in social affairs for some time and all the members are striving to make their respective organization's ventures successful. The Jolly Eight held their ball recently and it met with good financial results. Appearances are that the Emmets will meet with even greater success.

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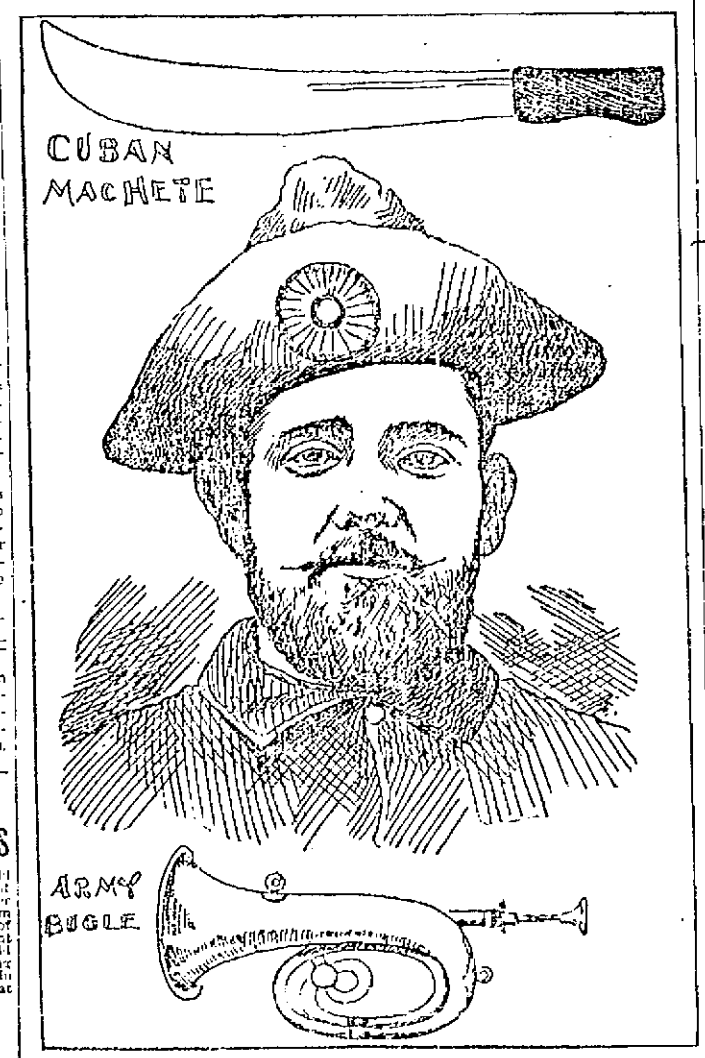


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PITIABLE DESTITUTION.

MOTHER OF TWO SMALL CHILDREN FOUND DYING OF CONSUMPTION.

Police Officer Horace Clements last evening discovered a pitiable case of destitution in a tenement on Wamesit street.

The occupants of the house were a mother, gradually wasting away with consumption and two small children, one three years of age and the other a nursing infant of eight weeks. The woman's name is Maggie McKinley who was employed as a Brussels weaver at the Carpet mills until she was forced to relinquish her position on account of her illness. Her husband, she said, has been down east with relatives for some time.

Officer Clements summoned the ambulance and had the family removed to the city farm.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The members of the Epworth league of the Central M. E. church held their sociable last night at the home of Rev. W. H. Meredith, 37 Eleventh street. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. On the committee of arrangements were Misses Ethel B. Paradis and Susan Meredith, Horace J. Paradis, John Gale and John McPhee.

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TREATY OF PEACE

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THE DEMOCRATS WILL VOTE FOR IT.

The Real Contest on Expansion to Follow.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Clark Howell, member of the national Democratic committee from Georgia, and editor of the Atlanta Constitution, after consulting with the leaders of both of the political parties, telegraphed as follows to his paper:

"With the adjournment of congress for the holidays the final decision on the peace treaty is as clear as it will be after a vote has been taken in the senate. Two weeks ago the matter was in doubt; today it is ascertained that the treaty will be ratified as it will be that it has been after the vote has been taken.

"Mr. Bryan has been in Washington for several days and has conferred frequently and freely with the Democratic leaders in both the senate and the house. He has advised ratification of the treaty, and he is outspoken in the opinion that, aside from the question of national obligation, it is a matter of party policy for the Democrats to throw no obstacle in the way of ratification. There are leading Democrats of both the senate and house who less than a week ago were in doubt as to whether or not Democrats should assist in ratifying the treaty; more than that, some of them were outspoken in the opinion that it was perhaps better to reject it. Today, many of these Democratic leaders take open position that the treaty should be ratified, and that it will be no one who has studied the situation from the inside can have any reasonable doubt.

"It must not be understood that the ratification of the treaty will carry with it the assumption that all those who vote affirmatively are in favor of national expansion across the Pacific. Of the senators who will vote in favor of the treaty there will be Republicans as well as Democrats who are opposed in principle, as well as in theory, to the trans-Oceanic expansion of our national domain. They take, however, and very properly, the view that the question of expansion, per se, is not involved in the consideration of the peace treaty, and that after the treaty has been ratified and Spain has been eliminated as a factor in the Philippine problem, it will be time enough to consider the policy to be pursued in dealing with the Philippines, and just here will come the real contest on the question of expansion."

Mr. Howell then says that, after the treaty has been finally disposed of, a resolution will be introduced making a declaration of the proposed policy of this government in dealing with the Philippines, and that this resolution will be framed very much on the basis of the Cuban resolution, adopted coincident with the declaration of war, in which it was declared that the policy of this government would be to give the people of Cuba a free and independent government of their own.

Mr. Howell says: "It is the determination to present a resolution of this kind as a rallying point for the expansion and anti-expansion elements, both Democrats and Republicans, that takes from the consideration of the peace treaty such doubt as might have existed as to the outcome, and which now makes its ratification a foregone conclusion."

Mr. Howell further says that the vote on this proposed resolution will not be confined by any means to party lines, and the outcome is in doubt. A large majority of the Democrats will vote in favor of it, and a large majority of the Republicans will vote against it, but the size of either majority is sufficiently involved in doubt to render exceedingly questionable the final action that will be taken on the resolution."

He says: "The Republicans as a body will favor the ratification of the peace treaty, and will oppose any further action. They will hold that it will be time enough to cross the Philippine bridge when they get to it, and in the meantime the islands should be held under strict military government, and that if in God's own time it is demonstrated that the Filipinos are able to take care of themselves, and desire to maintain a government of their own, it will be time enough for the United States to take up the question and act accordingly."

Mr. Howell's summary concludes as follows: "As the result of the final encounter over the resolution it may be that the country will witness the spectacle of badly severed party lines, and that out of it may be furnished the battle cries around which will be formed the lines of the next presidential fight."

WORK OF CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The absence of a quorum of the senate yesterday saved Senator Proctor's resolution, providing for the appointment of a committee of senators to investigate the conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico during the approaching long recess of congress from decisive defeat. An effort was made by Mr. Daniel of Virginia to obtain consideration of the resolution, but his motion mustered only 8 of the 38 votes cast. No business of importance was disposed of at yesterday's session. Only some routine business, including the passage of a few private pension bills, was transacted.

The last session of the house before the holiday recess lasted but an hour. The Bailey resolution, directing an investigation of the right of the members who volunteered in the Spanish-American war to seats in the house was adopted, and several bills of minor importance were passed.



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A NICARAGUAN RESOLUTION.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Morgan yesterday secured the passage by the senate of a resolution authorizing the Nicaraguan canal committee to investigate the alleged efforts to obstruct the construction of the Nicaraguan canal. The resolution follows:

"That the committee on the construction of the Nicaraguan canal is authorized to sit during the recess of the senate or when the senate is in session and to send for persons and papers and administer oaths to witnesses and examine them touching any agreement or combination of any persons or corporations in reference to the proposed canal through the republic of Nicaragua entered into for the purpose of defeating or controlling the construction of such canal for the personal emolument or advantage of such persons or for the benefit of such corporations."

OTIS' WORK SATISFACTORY.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Alger says that Major General Otis has rendered most satisfactory service in command of the military forces in the Philippines, and will be retained in that position. Whether he will be appointed governor general of the archipelago depends upon future events.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS.

Senator McBride introduced a bill providing for the amendment of the bill heretofore introduced for a cable line between the United States and Hawaii so as to make Astoria, Ore., instead of San Francisco, the terminus in this country.

Senator Stewart's bill, granting 2,000,000 acres of land to Nevada for irrigation, was amended by the senate committee on irrigation and reported by Senator Warren. It grants 5,000,000 acres to each of the arid states, the proceeds to be used exclusively for irrigation purposes.

Colonel William P. Hall has been ordered to San Juan for duty as adjutant general of that department.

The postmaster general made the official announcement of the appointment of Major E. C. Rathbun of Ohio, ex-fourth assistant postmaster general, to take charge of and conduct the postal service in Cuba, with the title of director of posts.

CONVICTED UPON TWO COUNTS.

Boston, Dec. 22.—A protracted criminal prosecution came to a close yesterday in the United States circuit court before Judge Brown, when the jury found William S. Jewett, former president and director of the Lake National bank of Wolfboro, N. H., guilty on two counts, each charging him with the wilful misapplication and conversion of certain funds of that institution. The document contained 96 counts, but when the trial began, about two weeks ago, District Attorney Jones nol-prossed all but a few, and of these only seven were elected for the consideration of the jury. The counts upon which the findings were reported were 84 and 95. The first charged money paid A. E. Butler Nov. 1, 1891, for shares of stock. The second charged money paid by the way of dividends of $20 per share on stock held by Jewett and his pledges. The defense has until Feb. 1 next to file a motion for a new trial.

DRUNKEN SOLDIERS' DEED.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 22.—Lucy Thomas and her 4-year-old boy were shot at Eutaw, Ala., yesterday by soldiers of the First Missouri volunteers, who were mustered out at Columbia, Tenn., Tuesday. The child was shot above the left eye, and it is not expected to recover. The mother received a painful wound in the arm above the elbow. The boys were drunk and disorderly, recklessly shooting into every house they passed. The woman and child were standing in the door of their home. The firing was done from the train on which the soldiers were en route home, and was kept up at other places along the line. Governor Jackson of Alabama has offered $100 reward for the arrest and conviction of every man implicated in the shooting.

LIVED 103 YEARS.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 22.—Martha Leonard died in Dighton at the home of her son-in-law. She was born in Lynn June 5, 1796, and married Nathaniel Leonard in 1816, her husband dying in 1837. Early in life she moved to Taunton and later to Somerset, where her husband was in business. After his decease she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Babbitt in Dighton. She had a centennial birthday anniversary in 1896, and at that time her living descendants numbered 61.

A ROYAL WELCOME.

Albany, Dec. 22.—Companies A, B and D, of the First New York volunteer regiment, returned here last night from Honolulu. Although the hour of their arrival was inconvenient and the weather disagreeable, the people turned out en masse, burned red fire by the ton, discharged all manner of fireworks and cheered themselves hoarse in honor of the returning soldiers. The men were met at the station by all the organizations, military and civic, in the city, and escorted to the state armory.

SAFE IN PORT.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 22.—The schooner City of Augusta has arrived here after being out 22 days. The storm of Nov. 27 struck the vessel while being towed up the Delaware river. Owing to the severity of the gale the tow line was dropped and two anchors run out. These were lost and the vessel put to sea. She encountered terrible gales in crossing the gulf stream and was blown south. The vessel successfully weathered the storm and the captain and crew are all safe.

TWO DEATHS RESULTED.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—A bad accident happened on the Worcester and Suburban electric road at the foot of the long hill in Leicester yesterday afternoon. Two cars came together head on, both moving at high speed. One passenger, John Kerrigan, was killed outright, and another, Walter H. Holbrook, died on removal to the hospital. Five others received dangerous injuries. The accident was caused by fog, which made it impossible to see an approaching car.

HAVANA CONTRACT AWARDED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The Drake & Stratton company of Pittsburg has received a contract from the United States government for the construction of a great dock at Havana, Cuba, and a short railroad to Morro castle, costing about $500,000. The company has already dispatched 500 laborers and two ship loads of machinery to the island.

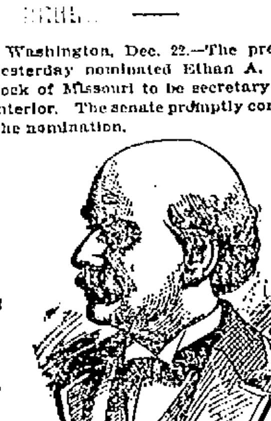
BLISS GOES OUT

Ethan Hitchcock the Present Russian Minister

TO SUCCEED SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Sketch of the New Incumbent.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The president yesterday nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri to be secretary of the interior. The senate promptly confirmed the nomination.



ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK.

Mr. Hitchcock is a prominent business man, who is at present United States ambassador to Russia, appointed by President McKinley in 1897. He is a great-grandson of Colonel Ethan Allen, who captured Fort Ticonderoga. He was born in Mobile in September, 1835, where he remained until 1840; when he moved with his family to Tennessee, remaining there until, after taking an academic course in New Haven, he went to St. Louis in 1851, where he engaged in business. He went to China in 1860. Returning to St. Louis in 1874, Mr. Hitchcock has since been actively engaged in business as president of several large manufacturing and railway corporations.

Secretary Bliss, in an interview, said: "It has been understood for some time that it would be my wish to retire from public life on the conclusion of the war. Now that the peace treaty has been signed, my request to be relieved will be granted, but I shall await the arrival of my successor before severing my connection with the interior department. I have been in most hearty accord with the president in his policy through the trying days in which he sought to avoid war, and while as commander-in-chief he was conducting the war that came notwithstanding his effort to prevent it. I believe most thoroughly in the course he is now pursuing for maintaining the honor of the country by securing the just results of a successful war. I shall leave my associates of the cabinet and of the department and my many friends in Washington with great regret, but private and personal reasons make my retirement a necessity."

GAVE MUCH TO CHARITY.

Atlantic City, Dec. 22.—Colonel Daniel Morris, aged 79 years, who planned the streets of this city and engineered the work of laying the first railroad from Camden to this city, died yesterday. Colonel Morris accummulated over $1,000,000 by investments in real estate, but at the time of his death his fortune is estimated at about $250,000. He had turned over to charitable institutions the greater part of his wealth. In 1880 he organized an independent military company, known as the "Morris Guards." The command enlisted in the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war.

ANOTHER SHOW FOR DREYER.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 22.—The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of E. S. Dreyer of Chicago, reversing the decision of the lower court and remanding the case. Dreyer was sentenced to the penitentiary for embezzlement, the specific charge being that while acting as treasurer of the West Chicago park commission he failed to turn over to his successor $316,000 of park funds. The court holds that the indictment under which Dreyer was tried was technically faulty; also that no legal demand was ever made on him for the funds by his successor in office.

QUEER STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Buffalo, Dec. 22.—A special from Lockport to The News says the law in effect prior to 1892 providing explicitly for the removal of a county treasurer has evidently been repealed and no provision substituted, and therefore County Treasurer Lammerts, now under arrest accused of embezzlement, cannot be ousted from office. In the meantime the county treasury is practically empty and county employes want their pay. Some time must elapse before any money may be had from Lammerts' bondsmen.

SOLDIERS AS AIDES.

New York, Dec. 22.—The appointment of nine aides by Governor-elect Roosevelt from the commissioned officers of the national guard was officially announced yesterday at Major General Roe's headquarters. These appointments mark the beginning of a new departure in the system of nominations for the staff of the governor, under the provisions of the new military code, which provides that 10 at least of the 14 aides allowed to the governor shall be active members of the national guard.

A MENTAL BREAKDOWN.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Press says: Victory Bateman, the actress, last night was placed in the insane pavilion of Bellevue hospital by her mother, Mrs. John T. Burke. The young woman had been showing signs of a mental breakdown for several days, and was gradually approaching the stage of mania. Her symptoms were like those she exhibited in October last in Newark, and in November, when she was playing Roxana in "Cyrano de Bergerac" in Chicago.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP

Has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

OFFICE TO LET—In The Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

WANTED.

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. Apply 619 Central street.

WANTED—300 ladies at once to buy also trimmed hats at very low prices. Call at once to Mde Maxime Lepine, 337 Moody street, cor. Race.

WORK WANTED—General housework by the week. Mrs. McCutcheon, 23 Rook street.

AGENTS WANTED—Ladies and gentlemen. New thing, no experience required. If you are not working call and see me between 5 and 7 p. m. at 813 Central street.

MADAME ROYAL, the renowned Western Clairvoyant, Palmist and Business Medium, wishes to announce her arrival in Lowell and has taken parlors in Spaulding's Block, 177 Middlesex street, where she can be consulted on all business matters. Also on all affairs of life. Don't fail to consult the truly wonderful woman as it is your chance of a lifetime. Up one flight. Walk in.

WANTED—Good health. The blooming idiot died last fall, wouldn't drink Gloria, that is all. S. Bartlett, 142 Middlesex St., sells Gloria.

LADIES WANTED To attend the Lowell Dress Cutting Schools, opened day and evening. First evening free at 68 Merrimack street, room 10, opposite Dickson Bros.' tea store. Nesmith's Block and 370 Central street, near Opera House. First class dress makers and milliners will be employed for teaching. M. J. Greaves, Principal. Hours from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

LADIES To make sample patches at home; $6 to $10 weekly; no canvassing; reply envelope for particulars and sample. Foster Machine Co., 345 West 40th St., New York.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Low's Dye House and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

WANT BLUSH OF YOUTH, soft, delicate skin? Use Nomen's Roman Secret. At all drug stores. A. W. Dow, A. E. Moor, agent for Lowell, corner of Gorham and Appleton streets.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—Lady's gold chain on Palmer street. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying advertisement.

LOST—A plain band ring, with initials on inside, K. H. to M. H. Reward at Sun office.

TO LET.

TENEMENT TO LET of 6 rooms, with bath, hot and cold water, rent $11 per month, at 15 Westford street. Apply on premises.

TO LET—A good tenement for $4.50; also 6 good rooms, fine condition for $6.50. Save money by reducing rent. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

DANCE HALL TO LET—Suitable for sleigh ride and trolley parties. All kinds of suppers served on short notice. For further particulars address Thomas Scully, Pine Grove Hotel. P. O. Box 95, Collinsville, Mass.

TO LET—Two square rooms. Inquire at 713 Merrimack street, corner Austin.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop. Inquire Connors Bros., Thorndike street.

TO LET—A good office in the Sun building. Inquire at Sun office.

TO LET—Rooms with or without board, one large front room on first floor with gas, furnished or unfurnished. Price low. 282 Fayette street.

STORE TO LET—31 Middle street.

ROOMS TO LET in The Sun Building. Inquire at The Sun office.

BAY STATE

Dye House

Poverty is no crime, but to be a penny wise and a pound foolish is what most of the people are and if they were not they would not throw their old clothes away when they are not half worn out, and this applies to the ladies as well as gents.

Now what we wish to say is that we know just where you can save dimes and often dollars by bringing your old winter clothing to the

BAY STATE DYE WORKS,

54 Prescott Street,

and when we get done with them they will look almost as good as new. Just give them a trial order and you will feel like thanking us for our advice.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Middlesex SS.

To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of JOHN LEARY, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, DANIEL J. DONOVAN, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the final account of his administration on said estate, and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his hands among the next of kin of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January, A. D., 1899, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing postpaid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

GET IT QUICK.

Cold in the head comes—you know not how. But it comes. The easiest time to cure it is before it has gotten any strength. And the easiest way to cure it is to get

DOWS'

MENTHOL CREAM.

Better get it quick. The quicker, the better. Lubricate the nostrils—it dissolves and ascends the air passages. It clears the head and—you're cured.

10cts. tube: 25cts. box. All druggists.

A. W. DOWS & CO., Props., Lowell, Mass. (10.)

EMERY LAND

Office Removed to

3 HILDRETH BUILDING

House lots near the new Moody street bridge on the principal streets and avenues with all modern improvements, such as gas, city water, sewers, sidewalks, schools, etc. The location is one of the best in the city, being by actual measurement only 4,626 feet from the corner of Central and Merrimack streets to the Emery land. Over 200 buildings have been built on the Emery land in the last two years. Is not that a good indication of what this property is going to be? Call for plans. Prices low. Terms easy.

Wm. H. Emery

A. J. Ryan, 3 Hildreth Building, Old Post Office.

Don't Fail

COME TO

LEGAULT & CO.

Our Reliable Jewelers

THEY SELL

Christmas Presents

At Very Low Prices.

90 Central St. Cor. Prescott.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A first-class restaurant and liquor business, with wholesale department attached, located near new South Union Station, Boston. Address J. A. C., Sun office.

SLEIGHS—I believe I can show the best "Old Comfort Sleigh" and "Business Sleigh" ever shown in Lowell for the money. Also elegant pair of "Japanese Seal" robes, grey and black wolf robes, wagons, as usual. J. F. Libby, 69 Robbins St.

FOR SALE—A first class confectionery store on one of the principal streets doing a good cigar, tobacco and fruit trade. Owner having other business is obliged to sell. Call at this office.

FOR SALE—Near Wilder and Middlesex streets, 2 story house; all modern improvements. Good location. Price $3100. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street, cottage house of 7 rooms. Price $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—11 acre farm, 7 miles from Lowell, not far from electrics. Easy terms; price only $850. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

CALL at 353 Market street to buy or sell second-hand Furniture.

FOR SALE—Near Shaw street, 2 tenement house, good sized lot of land, Price $2300. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Ten R.I.P.A.N.S for 5 cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—All kinds of boarding and lodging houses and at all prices, large and small, corp. and street, at G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c. in stamps for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR SALE—On Varnum avenue, good large house and barn, lots of fruit, 7 acres of land. Price and terms to suit you. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

OWNER IN NEED OF MONEY—A lot of land containing 4000 feet, 50x80, on a 50 foot street, 15 minutes from Centralville bridge. Price $100, also two second-hand furnaces. Inquire at 1128 Bridge street.

MENTHOL CREAM Shampoo is used in all leading hair-dressing and bath parlors in New England. Menthol Cream Shampoo removes dandruff and all humors of the scalp. It contains alcohol, glycerine and menthol. It gives a rich, creamy lather and when used in the bath will remove pimples, etc., leaving the skin clear and soft. 50c. per bottle. Sold by leading druggists.

LADIES—My Monthly Regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. I have never had a single failure; no other doctor can say this. Longest cases relieved in from 2 to 5 days without fail. No pain, no danger, no interference with work; price $2 by mail or at office. Consultation free. All letters truthfully answered. Dr. Tolman Co., 170 Tremont street, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street and city line, 20 acres of land; lots of wood and timber, and lots of good tillage land. This is a bargain. Price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE LOWELL Cycle Co. will send for your wheel, store and clean it for the winter. 23 Post Office ave.

"A CHRISTMAS PRESENT for father," a Plush Lined Buffalo Robe, at A. H. Cluer's, No. 340 Bridge street.

SIGNS At lowest prices at Spencer's, 22 Middle street.

RENT PAYS FOR HOME,

WILL BUY or build for you both house and lot; comparatively nothing required down. For particulars call or write AMERICAN INVESTORS' CO., 187 Central St. Lowell. Office hours 9 to 8 p. m.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS

The most useful and durable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each, complete, 25c. Family Printing Outfits from 25c. to $2. Boys' Handy Printer 25c. Everything in the line of RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices.

J. M. FELLOWS, 163 Merrimack St.

James Walsh,

Florist and nursery man, also landscape gardener. Floral designs for all occasions. Choice cut flowers always on hand. Plants, trees, shrubs, etc. Westford street cars pass our conservatories.

CONCRETE paver and dealer in coal, tar and pitch. Orders solicited for putting down sidewalks, garden walks, warehouse and stable floors, street pavements, etc., etc., also asphalt and gravel roofing. 135 Highland Avenue, Lowell, Mass.

LANTERNS

FOR

House, Mill, Stable

Carriage

And out-of-door use. Lantern Globes in white, red and blue. Parts of Lanterns lost or destroyed, furnished.

C. B. COBURN & CO.

63 TO 67 MARKET STREET.

SUFFOLK LOAN CO.

(CORPORATION.)

845 Washington Street, Boston, up one flight. (Near entrance to Boston Tavern.)

MONEY TO LOAN

At legal rates of interest on diamonds, watches, jewelry, life insurance policies, legacies, shares, bonds or any other good security.

Notice, For the next 15 days, A. M. Bertrand, the tailor, will make his $22 Suits for $15; his $28 Suits for $20; his $30 suits for $22. Trousers from $4 upwards. Cleaning, pressing and repairing done at short notice.

A. M. BERTRAND, 24 Middle St.

Few doors from the corner of Central St.

DR. DONEHUE DENTIST RUNELS BLDG

THE FARRAGUT HOUSE

Henry W. Garrity. Prop.

CENTRAL STREET, LOWELL, MASS.

Opposite Old Boston & Maine Depot.

The house is now under a new management, thoroughly refitted and refurnished, with all the modern improvements, steam heat and electric call bells in each room. Electric cars pass the door every few minutes. Choice cigars in sample room. Special rates to the profession.

M. H. Carey (Clerks) H. Gervais.

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN.

We Are Selling Lots of

DOLL SWINGS

In the Toy Department.

and no wonder they are, for we are the cutest thing you can buy for a little girl interested in her dolls, as she can get lots of amusement with it, and amuse her little brother as well for hours. They are made substantially, and so they can be folded up and tucked away in a small corner when not in use, even the largest sizes and prices range from **25c. to 75c. Each.**

FOR THE BOYS

We have a full assortment of reliable Iron Toys, such as Engines, Trains, Fire Engines, Patrols and carts of all kinds, they will stand the worst banging and not break. Prices a trifle higher than common toys, but cheaper in the end. At the same time you can remember the mother by getting her a Jardiniere for her flowers. We have a very handsome line from **25c. to $10.00 Each.**

A. G. Pollard & Co.

Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Streets.



Look Out for Lower Prices on

POULTRY

The Market Breaking.

Banner Market Grocery

68, 70, 72 Prescott Street,

TEETH No Charge For Extracting

Every set warranted to be the same teeth that other dentists ask $10 and $15 for, and every set warranted to fit. Gold Filling and Gold Crown work a specialty. Teeth filled with Gold by Electricity. No pain. Teeth Extracted Without Pain by our new method. Thirty years' experience. Artificial teeth without plates, also Roofless Plates. Teeth extracted and replaced the same day as extracted, no need of going without. No Sunday work. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Not open evenings. DR.

$5 to $10 a Set

J. K. BICKELL & SON, Painless Dentists, Rooms 24, 25, 32, Runels' Bld'g, cor. Mer'k & Bridge

IN TRIMMED MILLINERY

The season is now at its height. The styles have reached their full development. The ripened fruit of our best millinery efforts is now laid before you in assortments that any store may justly be proud of, and at prices that are shorn of all fancy profits. We can satisfy your every possible want, for there is practically nothing really desirable in millinery that you will not find on our counters.

For this week we offer some values that fairly sparkle with attractiveness.

HEAD & SHAW, THE MILLINERS.

169 MERRIMACK STREET.

P. F. Devine's Branch, 88 Merrimack Street.

BAGS, TRUNKS, DRESS SUIT CASES

In fact everything the well equipped traveler requires, at special "OPENING" prices. Our Middlesex street store is not abandoned. In both stores a full and complete line of latest style leather goods.

THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:11; sets, 4:16.
Moon sets—3:14 a. m.
Full sea—7:30 a. m.; 8:15 p. m.

Rain may be expected in New England, the middle and north Atlantic and lake regions, Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys. The weather will clear in the south Atlantic and east gulf states, and will be generally fair in all other districts.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.

We have our usual large assortment of dolls, toys, sleds, skates and fancy china ware. Dickson Bros., the big Ten dealers, 63 Merrimack St.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of nice prayer books, all prices. Pearl rosaries, cases, statues, sanctuary lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present, at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

LOCAL NEWS.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred Cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins, 223 Central street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 459-4.

For your Christmas dinner call at the Merrimack square market.

Steinert's Mammoth Music Store open every evening this week.

Fairburn's market at Merrimack square is the place to get bargains.

To realize the heat in coal, buy some of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike St.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens for sale at Miss Hurd's school, 31 Hildreth Building.

Banjos, guitars, mandolins for Christmas. W. E. Stratton, 14 Hildreth building.

Bargains in unredeemed Diamonds, from $20.00 up. Can't duplicate them in New England. Harris, 10 Appleton St.

President George H. Taylor anticipates being absent for a week before assuming the new dignity of alderman.

It has come—the need for that coal. Rourke & Sullivan will furnish you the very best. 94 Gorham street, and 223 Central street.

A course of shorthand for your daughter would make a fine Christmas gift. Obtain it at Miss Hurd's school. First class in all respects.

Winter term begins January 2nd at Miss Hurd's school. Shorthand and typewriting exclusively taught by the latest and most improved methods.

If you are in doubt what to do for your son or daughter for Christmas, why not give them a course of shorthand and typewriting at Miss Hurd's school? Nothing will yield you better returns.

Col. Barrett, whose death resulted from a fall from a third story window in Concord, Mass., was well known in Lowell and was a guest of Old Middlesex chapter, S. A. R., this week at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neale on Beacon street.

AGAIN POSTPONED.

The postponed race at Long Meadow which was scheduled for yesterday afternoon was not trotted, owing to the unfavorable condition of the track.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Hon. J. W. Fairbanks of Boston gave a lecture last night at the High school hall under the auspices of the Frederic T. Greenhalge debating society. He told the story of Marcus Whitman and the development of the great northwest. Illustrated with good lantern slides. It was an entertaining and instructive talk, especially valuable to young students of American history, and was full of the spirit of patriotism. Every patriotic sentiment was heartily cheered by the young people in the audience.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

One day last week, Mr. S. A. Brigham, the veteran depotmaster at the Middlesex street station, while giving instructions to his men in reference to transferring some baggage, was struck on the head by a falling trunk from one of the baggage trucks, inflicting a very ugly scalp wound, which required several stitches. Mr. Brigham reported for duty next day, feeling not much the worse from the effects of the blow and has been receiving congratulations from his many friends for escaping a very serious accident.

NORTH BILLERICA.

It is announced by the school committee that the public schools will close on Friday, the 23d, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 2d, of the new year. Christmas trees will add interest to the closing exercises at the Kindergarten and Talbot schools. There will be a tree and supper at the Baptist church, Saturday evening and a concert appropriate to Christmas on Sunday evening. The post office will soon be transferred to the new building erected by the Talbot mills company.

The Christmas sale by the ladies of the First Baptist church and the entertainment in the evening given by the young people of the North Billerica Baptist church on December 15th, was an occasion of much success. The program of the entertainment consisted of chorus by all; song, selected, Mr. James Ritchie; recitation, Miss Sarah Balmforth; solo and chorus, Mr. S. Stott; chorus by all; duet, Miss A. Wain and Mr. A. Ellis; reading, Miss M. E. Stott; solo, Mr. Arthur Ellis; harmonica and piano duet; closing chorus "Good Night".

SCHOOL AND HOME.

VALUABLE TALK TO MOTHERS AND TEACHERS AT THE CLUB.

Before the education department of the Women's club, yesterday, Miss Margaret Warner Morley of Boston, an experienced educator, spoke to mothers and teachers on the subject, "The Renewal of Life; How and When to Tell the Story to the Children." The subject was handled in a dignified manner and the right of every child to definite, pure and correct teaching on the subject of the important functions of life was strongly insisted upon by the speaker. The topic was technically considered and the opportunity to ask questions was improved in a thoughtful manner by several of the ladies present.

G. O. Taylor Whiskies, benefit the debilitated.

Dr. Cohurn Dentist 31 PARK ST.

HE WAS KNOWN

Charles Sullivan of Manchester, N. H.

WHO DIED ON A TRAIN YESTERDAY.

Was a Prosperous Business Man There.

The many Lowell friends of Charles Sullivan, one of Manchester's best known men were grieved when news was received in this city of his death which took place on Tuesday morning of pulmonary phthisis. Mr. Sullivan had been ailing for a few years and early last spring removed to Southern Pines, N. C., on the advice of his physician with the hope of recuperating from the effects of the dread disease. John Collins, the father-in-law of the dead man, visited the south last week with the intention of returning with the invalid, who did not show signs of gaining health in that clime. They left Southern Pines on Sunday and Mr. Sullivan showed no signs of weakening until they had reached Massachusetts, when he grew weaker and shortly after the train left Nashua, he rapidly sank and passed away in the arms of Mrs. Sullivan, who had gone to North Carolina in company with her husband. At the Manchester passenger station a large number of friends had gathered to greet him and they were much shocked at hearing the sad news of his death.

Charles Sullivan was born in Montpelier, Vt., thirty-three years ago and received his education in St. Michael's parochial school of that town, from which he graduated. At the close of his school career he entered the employ of a large grocery firm, which position he held until he removed to Manchester thirteen years ago. He then entered the employ of William, familiarly known as "Billy" Hurd on Manchester street, Manchester, as clerk and was afterwards associated with William Hayes on Central street in the Queen City, filling a like position. In December, 1891, together with his partner, Michael Lawlor, he opened a cafe on Nutfield Lane, also in Manchester, which business he was associated with up to the time of his death.

He was a popular member of the Moose club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Manchester and was well known throughout New England racing circles, being a prominent horseman and a particular friend of the late Thomas J. McLaughlin who was buried in Lowell yesterday. Mr. Sullivan is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mary Regina of Manchester, who accompanied him on his last trip, and a mother, Mrs. Sullivan of Lincoln, Neb.; five brothers, John of Boston, Timothy of Chester, Vt., William of Omaha, Fred of Lincoln, Neb., Edward of Manchester. He also leaves four sisters, all residing at Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Sullivan, the widow of the young man, is nearly prostrated with grief and she has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

KENWOOD.

The pupils at the Kenwood school, under the direction of the efficient and popular teacher, Miss Whitford, devoted a part of Tuesday to musical and literary exercises appropriate to Christmas. The following highly interesting program was carried out:

Magic lantern exhibition; song, "O Kenwood School," written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue; song by school, "We Are Happy Fairies;" recitation, Coburn Fife; recitation, "A Little Schemer," Maude Irvin; song, "Christmas Soldiers," by school; recitation, "O, That Christmas Stocking," James Farley; song, "Happy Christmas" Katie and Annie Farley; dialogue by primary class, led by Louisa Selsam; recitation in costume, by Beatrice Jeffcock, "In Imitation Japanese;" song by Kate and Anne Farley; recitation by Anthony Irvin; dialogue, "Adaptation from Little Women;"—Mrs. March, Amy Goodhue; Meg, Kate Farley; Joe, Anne Farley; Amy, Emma McLeon; Billie, Beatrice Jeffcock; recitation, Charles McLeon; song, "O Christmas Tree," by school; Christmas tree, Santa Claus, Mr. Vinal; distribution of presents; duet, Jewsharp and harmonica, Mr. Will Irvin and Mr. Jones; phonograph; A song which was sung by the school was written by Mr. Ralph Goodhue of Kenwood.

UNAUTHORIZED.

It is learned that a young woman is going about the Highlands soliciting 25 cents or a doll for the women's branch of the People's club, to be given away at Christmas time. This is wholly unauthorized. The Christmas work of the club is done without begging, and no one is permitted to solicit gifts in its behalf. The holiday enterprise of the Women's branch is carried on without ostentation and the public is not asked to help as all the work is done by the girls who frequent the club rooms in the Swan building.

AT DAY NURSERIES.

The annual Christmas gatherings will be held at the Day Nurseries, 64 Kirk street and on First street, Centralville, upon the afternoon and evening of December 24th.

There will be Christmas trees with gifts for the children and supper will be served for the little ones and their friends.

Contributions of toys and fancy articles for the trees, or supplies of any kind for the table, are most earnestly solicited, and can be left at either nursery house at any time during the present week.

WILL BEGIN JANUARY 3.

The January circuit term of the supreme court of New Hampshire for Hillsborough county will be gin in the Manchester court house on Tuesday, January 3. Judges Peaslee and Young will sit and the term is expected to be a very busy one. There are 236 cases marked for the jury. The jury list has been printed and just been distributed.

Miss Edith E. Russell has returned from the Bible Normal College at Springfield.

Mrs. Arthur Blake and son of Taunton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ensley of Weed street.

THE ARMORY BALL

Brilliant Event by Co. G Soldiers.

MANY FAIR DANCERS GRACE OCCASION.

Bugle Calls Add to Romantic Scenes.

The armory last evening, was the scene of a brilliant gathering, it being the occasion of a military party, given under the auspices of Company G, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers. More than 300 couples enjoyed the dancing and there was a continuous scene of gaiety and graceful animation until an early hour this morning.

It was the second military ball held in Lowell since the war and like that of Company C proved a grand social and financial success. It will net the company a neat sum for the purpose of replacing some of the equipment which was rendered unfit for further use in the war.

The orchestra platform was draped with the national colors and rows of potted plants and tropical foliage made it a veritable beauty spot. Immediately above the platform was a mammoth floral spread eagle, the gift of Charles Miles to the company. From 8 to 9 o'clock Hibbard's orchestra entertained with one of its excellent programs, the numbers of which were as follows:

March "U. S. Cruiser Columbia" Bowman
Overture, "Romantic" .....Keler-Bela
Mazurka Caprice, "Humming Bird" Bunard
Fantasie on Hungarian Melodies Tobani
Waltz de concert "Louise" .....Owen

At 9 o'clock the grand march was started, Capt. and Mrs. William Fairweather led the procession and they were immediately followed by Lieut. George S. Howard and Miss Maggie Leckie, Lieut. and Mrs. Lewis G. Hunton, George H. Payne of Company H of Stoneham and Mrs. Fred G. Hunton, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon and Miss Agnes Roy, Corp. William Prescott and Miss Lizzie Fairweather, Quartermaster-Sergt. Frank Boyle and Miss Ellsworth, Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk and Miss Hartford. Lieut. Thos. Livingston of Company C was also in the march as were also several noncoms. and privates in the company including Sergt. Hahn, Sergt. Mitchell, and Corp. Savage.

There were about 160 couples in the march and when it developed into a waltz, there were fully 50 more couples upon the floor and fully 150 spectators in the gallery and around the sides of the hall.

The dance order was an excellent one of 21 numbers and extras with a half hour's intermission at midnight when light refreshments were served by Geo. S. Holt. The officers of the occasion were as follows:

General manager, Capt. William Fairweather; assistants, Lieut. George S. Howard and Lieut. Lewis G. Hunton; floor director, Sergt. Murdock McKinnon; assistant, Corp. William M. Prescott; chief aid, Quartermaster Sergeant Frank A. Boyle; aids, Privates Samuel Busby, John A. Delmore, John J. Gair, William F. Hunt, Joseph F. Murphy, John W. O'Brien, James H. Pearson, Harold L. Young, Eugene R. McCann, Thomas S. Garity, Frank M. Iby, Thos. W. Doyle, Arthur Boucher, John Lowe. Sergt. Fred C. M. Silk was treasurer and Privates J. W. Bull and Frank J. Monroe did efficient work as ticket sellers at the door. Casimir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, also made himself useful by distributing orders as the guests entered the armory.

BUGLE CALLS.

There were no invited guests. The next military ball will have them though.

Privates McGlynn and Brophy, "the soldier boy twins" were among those present enjoying themselves. Both are now in excellent health.

Everybody was glad to see Armorer Carr around once more, he having recovered from his recent illness.

Casimir Rivas, the Porto Rican protege of Lieut. Hunton, received his kindergarten instruction in the art of Terpsichore on this occasion.

Just before the grand march were heard the shrill notes of several military calls. They came from the bugle that was brought back from Porto Rico by Frank V. Parke. Musician Riggs of Company C was the bugler.

Those who did not care to dance were invited to the bowling alleys. The alleys were deserted all the evening.

"S prockal" Holt was the caterer.

The final order for the muster out of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment was sent from Washington to Boston Tuesday by Adjt.-Gen. Corbin. The members of the regiment will assemble between Jan. 3 and 20 to receive their discharge papers.

The original Company M members as well as those who enlisted to go to the front will meet at the armory tonight. It is expected that a number of appointments to "non-com" positions will be discussed, as there are several vacancies to fill.

First Lieutenant Harding of the provisional company that was organized last summer to take the place of Company M received an honorable discharge from Adjt. Gen. Dalton last night.

Private Poole of Company M has gone to Salt Lake city where his wife and children are living.

Private Frank Parks of Company C, Sixth Massachusetts regiment, will leave Monday for Americus, Ga., to join Company L of the Eighth Massachusetts, which is now encamped there.

On inquiry at the war department, Arthur F. Salmon, the mayor's agent, ascertained that there is not yet any official record of United States soldiers who died in the Spanish war.

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CAPT. WILLIAM FAIRWEATHER, General Manager of the Dance of Co. G. at the Armory Last Night.

TOM McLAUGHLIN

THE LAWRENCE AMERICAN SPEAKS OF HIS DEATH.

Thomas J. McLaughlin, formerly of this city, died Monday noon at the Holiday farm in South Nashua, aged 56 years. Deceased was for many years the proprietor of the Franklin house at Lowell, retiring early in the present year to his farm where he hoped to regain his lost health. He suffered from a complication of diseases. Mr. McLaughlin enjoyed an extensive acquaintance in Lawrence and numbered some of our foremost citizens among his personal friends. Until late years he was a prominent figure on the race tracks of this and other states and has owned several speeders. He was a widower, his wife having died recently. He is survived by a brother and sister.—Lawrence American.

PASTOR AND WIFE.

RECEPTION AT UNITARIAN CHURCH LAST NIGHT.

A reception was tendered last evening to Rev. Charles T. Billings, pastor of the Unitarian church, and wife, by the Young People's Fraternity. It being the occasion of the regular monthly meeting of this popular church organization. The vestry was handsomely decorated and Mr. and Mrs. Billings received their friends while standing under a special arrangement of electric lights intertwined with mistletoe and holly. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. The American orchestra furnished music and the evening was one of rare pleasure for all. The decorations were in charge of Miss Beard and the general arrangements in charge of the executive committee. The society announced that Mr. Louis C. Elson of Boston will give a lecture in the church vestry, Jan. 4, on "The History of National Music."

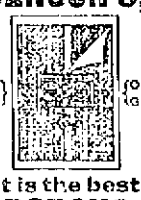
COLLINSVILLE.

THE EMMETT CLUB COMING TO THE FRONT.

The Emmet club will hold its first concert and ball Jan. 16, at Willow Dale. The Emmett and Jolly Eight clubs have been sturdy rivals in social affairs for some time and all the members are striving to make their respective organization's ventures successful. The Jolly Eight held their ball recently and it met with good financial results. Appearances are that the Emmets will meet with even greater success.

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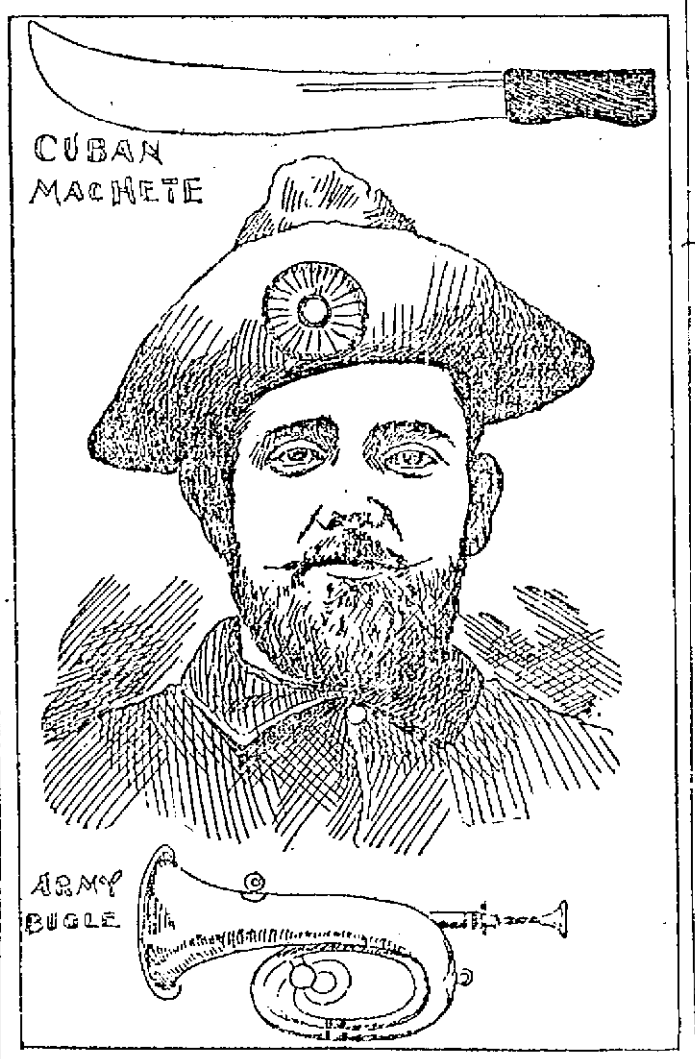


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PITIABLE DESTITUTION.

MOTHER OF TWO SMALL CHILDREN FOUND DYING OF CONSUMPTION.

Police Officer Horace Clements last evening discovered a pitiable case of destitution in a tenement on Wamesit street.

The occupants of the house were a mother, gradually wasting away with consumption and two small children, one three years of age and the other a nursing infant of eight weeks. The woman's name is Maggie McKinley who was employed as a Brussels weaver at the Carnet mills until she was forced to relinquish her position on account of her illness. Her husband, she said, has been down east with relatives for some time.

Officer Clements summoned the ambulance and had the family removed to the city farm.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The members of the Epworth league of the Central M. E. church held their sociable last night at the home of Rev. W. H. Meredith, 37 Eleventh street. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. On the committee of arrangements were Misses Ethel B. Paradis and Susan Meredith, Horace J. Paradis, John Gale and John McPhee.

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TREATY OF PEACE

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THE DEMOCRATS WILL VOTE FOR IT.

The Real Contest on Expansion to Follow.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Clark Howell, member of the national Democratic committee from Georgia, and editor of the Atlnta Constitution, after consulting with the leaders of both of the political parties, telegraphed as follows to his paper:

"With the adjournment of congress for the holidays the final decision on the peace treaty is as clear as it will be after a vote has been taken in the senate. Two weeks ago the matter was in doubt; today it is ascertained that the treaty will be ratified as it will be that it has been after the vote has been taken.

"Mr. Bryan has been in Washington for several days and has conferred frequently and freely with the Democratic leaders in both the senate and the house. He has advised ratification of the treaty, and he is outspoken in the opinion that, aside from the question of national obligation, it is a matter of party policy for the Democrats to throw no obstacle in the way of ratification. There are leading Democrats of both the senate and house who lese than a week ago were in doubt as to whether or not Democrats should assist in ratifying the treaty; more than that, some of them were outspoken in the opinion that it was perhaps better to reject it. Today, many of these Democratic leaders take open position that the treaty should be ratified, and that it will be no one who has studied the situation from the inside can have any reasonable doubt.

"It must not be understood that the ratification of the treaty will carry with it the assumption that all those who vote affirmatively are in favor of national expansion across the Pacific. Of the senators who will vote in favor of the treaty there will be Republicans as well as Democrats who are opposed in principle, as well as in theory, to the trans-Oceanic expansion of our national domain. They take, however, and very properly, the view that the question of expansion, per se, is not involved in the consideration of the peace treaty, and that after the treaty has been ratified and Spain has been eliminated as a factor in the Philippine problem. It will be time enough to consider the policy to be pursued in dealing with the Philippines, and just here will come the real contest on the question of expansion."

Mr. Howell then says that, after the treaty has been finally disposed of, a resolution will be introduced making a declaration of the proposed policy of this government in dealing with the Philippines, and that this resolution will be framed very much on the basis of the Cuban resolution, adopted coincident with the declaration of war, in which it was declared that the policy of this government would be to give the people of Cuba a free and independent government of their own.

Mr. Howell says: "It is the determination to present a resolution of this kind as a rallying point for the expansion and anti-expansion elements, both Democrats and Republicans, that takes from the consideration of the peace treaty such doubt as might have existed as to the outcome, and which now makes its ratification a foregone conclusion."

Mr. Howell further says that the vote on this proposed resolution will not be confined by any means to party lines, and the outcome is in doubt. A large majority of the Democrats will vote in favor of it, and a large majority of the Republicans will vote against it, but the size of either majority is sufficiently involved in doubt to render exceedingly questionable the final action that will be taken on the resolution."

He says: "The Republicans as a body will favor the ratification of the peace treaty, and will oppose any further action. They will hold that it will be time enough to cross the Philippine bridge when they get to it, and in the meantime the islands should be held under strict military government, and that if in God's own time it is demonstrated that the Filipinos are able to take care of themselves, and desire to maintain a government of their own, it will be time enough for the United States to take up the question and act accordingly."

Mr. Howell's summary concludes as follows: "As the result of the final encounter over the resolution it may be that the country will witness the spectacle of badly severed party lines, and that out of it may be furnished the battle cries around which will be formed the lines of the next presidential fight."

WORK OF CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The absence of a quorum of the senate yesterday saved Senator Proctor's resolution, providing for the appointment of a committee of senators to investigate the conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico during the approaching long recess of congress from decisive defeat. An effort was made by Mr. Daniel of Virginia to obtain consideration of the resolution, but his motion mustered only 8 of the 39 votes cast. No business of importance was disposed of at yesterday's session. Only some routine business, including the passage of a few private pension bills, was transacted.

The last session of the house before the holiday recess lasted but an hour. The Bailey resolution, directing an investigation of the right of the members who volunteered in the Spanish-American war to seats in the house was adopted, and several bills of minor importance were passed.

A NICARAGUAN RESOLUTION.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Morgan yesterday secured the passage by the senate of a resolution authorizing the Nicaraguan canal committee to investigate the alleged efforts to obstruct the construction of the Nicaraguan canal. The resolution follows:

"That the committee on the construction of the Nicaraguan canal is authorized to sit during the recess of the senate or when the senate is in session and to send for persons and papers and administer oaths to witnesses and examine them touching any agreement or combination of any persons or corporations in reference to the proposed canal through the republic of Nicaragua entered into for the purpose of defeating or controlling the construction of such canal for the personal emolument or advantage of such persons or for the benefit of such corporations."

OTIS' WORK SATISFACTORY.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Alger says that Major General Otis has rendered most satisfactory service in command of the military forces in the Philippines, and will be retained in that position. Whether he will be appointed governor general of the archipelago depends upon future events.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS.

Senator McBride introduced a bill providing for the amendment of the bill heretofore introduced for a cable line between the United States and Hawaii so as to make Astoria, Ore., instead of San Francisco, the terminus in this country.

Senator Stewart's bill, granting 2,000,000 acres of land to Nevada for irrigation, was amended by the senate committee on irrigation and reported by Senator Warren. It grants 5,000,000 acres to each of the arid states, the proceeds to be used exclusively for irrigation purposes.

Colonel William P. Hall has been ordered to San Juan for duty as adjutant general of that department.

The postmaster general made the official announcement of the appointment of Major E. C. Rathbun of Ohio, ex-fourth assistant postmaster general, to take charge of and conduct the postal service in Cuba, with the title of director of posts.

CONVICTED UPON TWO COUNTS.

Boston, Dec. 22.—A protracted criminal prosecution came to a close yesterday in the United States circuit court before Judge Brown, when the jury found William S. Jewett, former president and director of the Lake National bank of Wolfboro, N. H., guilty on two counts, each charging him with the wilful misapplication and conversion of certain funds of that institution. The document contained 96 counts, but when the trial begun, about two weeks ago, District Attorney Jones nol-prossed all but a few, and of these only seven were elected for the consideration of the jury. The counts upon which the findings were reported were 84 and 95. The first charged money paid A. E. Butler Nov. 1, 1891, for shares of stock. The second charged money paid by the way of dividends of $20 per share on stock held by Jewett and his pledgees. The defense has until Feb. 1 next to file a motion for a new trial.

DRUNKEN SOLDIERS' DEED.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 22.—Lucy Thomas and her 4-year-old boy were shot at Eutaw, Ala., yesterday by soldiers of the First Missouri volunteers, who were mustered out at Columbia, Tenn., Tuesday. The child was shot above the left eye, and it is not expected to recover. The mother received a painful wound in the arm above the elbow. The boys were drunk and disorderly, recklessly shooting into every house they passed. The woman and child were standing in the door of their home. The firing was done from the train on which the soldiers were en route home, and was kept up at other places along the line. Governor Jackson of Alabama has offered $100 reward for the arrest and conviction of every man implicated in the shooting.

LIVED 103 YEARS.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 22.—Martha Leonard died in Dighton at the home of her son-in-law. She was born in Lynn June 5, 1796, and married Nathaniel Leonard in 1816, her husband dying in 1857. Early in life she moved to Taunton and later to Somerset, where her husband was in business. After his decease she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Babbitt in Dighton. She had a centennial birthday anniversary in 1896, and at that time her living descendants numbered 51.

A ROYAL WELCOME.

Albany, Dec. 22.—Companies A, B and D, of the First New York volunteer regiment, returned here last night from Honolulu. Although the hour of their arrival was inconvenient and the weather disagreeable, the people turned out en masse, burned red fire by the ton, discharged all manner of fireworks and cheered themselves hoarse in honor of the returning soldiers. The men were met at the station by all the organizations, military and civic, in the city, and escorted to the state armory.

SAFE IN PORT.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 22.—The schooner City of Augusta has arrived here after being out 22 days. The storm of Nov. 27 struck the vessel while being towed up the Delaware river. Owing to the severity of the gale the tow line was dropped and two anchors run out. These were lost and the vessel put to sea. She encountered terrible gales in crossing the gulf stream and was blown south. The vessel successfully weathered the storm and the captain and crew are all safe.

TWO DEATHS RESULTED.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—A bad accident happened on the Worcester and Suburban electric road at the foot of the long hill in Leicester yesterday afternoon. Two cars came together head on, both moving at high speed. One passenger, John Kerrigan, was killed outright, and another, Walter H. Holbrook, died on removal to the hospital. Five others received dangerous injuries. The accident was caused by fog, which made it impossible to see an approaching car.

HAVANA CONTRACT AWARDED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The Drake & Stratton company of Pittsburg has received a contract from the United States government for the construction of a great dock at Havana, Cuba, and a short railroad to Morro castle, costing about $500,000. The company has already dispatched 500 laborers and two ship loads of machinery to the island.

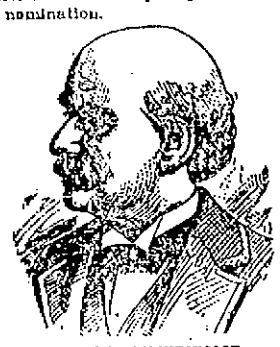
BLISS GOES OUT

Ethan Hitchcock the Present Russian Minister

TO SUCCEED SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Sketch of the New Incumbent.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The president yesterday nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri to be secretary of the interior. The senate promptly confirmed the nomination.



ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK.

Mr. Hitchcock is a prominent business man, who is at present United States ambassador to Russia, appointed by President McKinley in 1897. He is a great-grandson of Colonel Ethan Allen, who captured Fort Ticonderoga. He was born in Mobile in September, 1835, where he remained until 1840, when he moved with his family to Tennessee, remaining there until, after taking an academic course in New Haven, he went to St. Louis in 1851, where he engaged in business. He went to China in 1860. Returning to St. Louis in 1874, Mr. Hitchcock has since been actively engaged in business as president of several large manufacturing and railway corporations.

Secretary Bliss, in an interview, said: "It has been understood for some time that it would be my wish to retire from public life on the conclusion of the war. Now that the peace treaty has been signed, my request to be relieved will be granted, but I shall await the arrival of my successor before severing my connection with the interior department. I have been in most hearty accord with the president in his policy through the trying days in which he sought to avoid war, and while as commander-in-chief he was conducting the war that came notwithstanding his effort to prevent it. I believe most thoroughly in the course he is now pursuing for maintaining the honor of the country by securing the just results of a successful war. I shall leave my associates of the cabinet and of the department and my many friends in Washington with great regret, but private and personal reasons make my retirement a necessity."

GAVE MUCH TO CHARITY.

Atlantic City, Dec. 22.—Colonel Daniel Morris, aged 79 years, who planned the streets of this city and engineered the work of laying the first railroad from Camden to this city, died yesterday. Colonel Morris accumulated over $1,000,000 by investments in real estate, but at the time of his death his fortune is estimated at about $250,000. He had turned over to charitable institutions the greater part of his wealth. In 1880 he organized an independent military company, known as the "Morris Guards." The command enlisted in the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war.

ANOTHER SHOW FOR DREYER.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 22.—The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of E. S. Dreyer of Chicago, reversing the decision of the lower court and remanding the case. Dreyer was sentenced to the penitentiary for embezzlement, the specific charge being that while acting as treasurer of the West Chicago park commission he failed to turn over to his successor $316,000 of park funds. The court holds that the indictment under which Dreyer was tried was technically faulty; also that no legal demand was ever made on him for the funds by his successor in office.

QUEER STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Buffalo, Dec. 22.—A special from Lockport to The News says the law in effect prior to 1892 providing explicitly for the removal of a county treasurer has evidently been repealed and no provision substituted, and therefore County Treasurer Lammerts, now under arrest accused of embezzlement, cannot be ousted from office. In the meantime the county treasury is practically empty and county employes want their pay. Some time must elapse before any money may be had from Lammer's' bondsmen.

SOLDIERS AS AIDES.

New York, Dec. 22.—The appointment of nine aides by Governor-elect Roosevelt from the commissioned officers of the national guard was officially announced yesterday at Major General Roe's headquarters. These appointments mark the beginning of a new departure in the system of nominations for the staff of the governor, under the provisions of the new military code, which provides that 10 at least of the 14 aides allowed to the governor shall be active members of the national guard.

A MENTAL BREAKDOWN.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Press says: Victory Bateman, the actress, last night was placed in the insane pavilion of Bellevue hospital by her mother, Mrs. John T. Burke. The young woman had been showing signs of a mental breakdown for several days, and was gradually approaching the stage of mania. Her symptoms were like those she exhibited in October last in Newark, and in November, when she was playing Roxana in "Cyrano de Bergerac" in Chicago.

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WANTED—Good health. The bloaming idiot died last fall, wouldn't drink Hiberia, that is all. S. Birthait, 162 Middlesex st., sells Hiberia.

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WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Low's Dye House and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

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PROBATE COURT,

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To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of JOHN LEARY, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, DANIEL J. DONOVAN, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the final account of his administration on said estate, and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his hands among the next of kin of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January, A. D., 1899, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering or mailing postpaid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

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